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Prime Minister and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin makes a point to Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak (to his right) as OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai (far left) and other officers look on yesterday, during an IDF exercise on the Golan Heights. (Ofer Leffler/IDF Spokesman)

Rabin: Direct talks with Syria 'best way' to achieve peace

DAVID RUDGE and DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE time has come for Syria to realize that the "best way to negotiate peace with Israel" is by holding direct talks, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin declared yesterday.

Negotiations through US mediation is not the best way to advance the peace talks, but *for the time being it remains* the only route, said Rabin.

Meanwhile, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin said yesterday that Secretary of State Warren Christopher must engage in shuttle diplomacy between Jerusalem and Damascus or else there is no hope for peace with Syria.

Rabin noted that the differences in the Israeli and Syrian positions *remain large, and it would be difficult* to make much progress without more flexibility on Syria's part.

Nevertheless he remained optimistic that the talks would advance, saying he believed Christopher would visit the region soon, "if not this month, then next month."

On Monday, Christopher predicted progress on Israel-Syria peace negotiations before the end of the summer even though a lack of movement has forced him to delay a trip to the region, which was expected this week.

Rabin spoke to reporters during a visit to the Golan Heights to view a large-scale military exercise.

He stressed that there was no connection between the IDF and the peace process, and that the army had to be ready at all times to fulfill its mission of defending the State if necessary.

He was accompanied during the visit by Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak and OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai, as well as senior IDF officers. After receiving a briefing on the IDF's state of readiness on the Golan Heights and the north in general, Rabin answered reporters' questions.

"The negotiations with the Syrians are being conducted, unfortunately, in a way that is not the best, but which today is the only possibility – through US mediation," Rabin said.

"The significance of the US mediations is that the Americans are passing on Israel's positions to Syria and Syria's stance to Israel. The gaps [in the positions] are large, and what's missing is the direct contact at the appropriate levels."

Rabin noted that in any negotiations there are "ups and downs," but there is no need to lose patience or lose sight of Israel's main objective of reaching a peace agreement with Syria while ensuring Israel's security.

Answering questions in English about the deadlock in the negotiations with Syria, Rabin said: "The time has come for Syria to start to realize that the best way to negotiate peace with Israel is to sit face-to-face, on a higher level than was done until now, and talk in a serious way of how to achieve peace between the two countries."

Rabin said Israel was willing to continue conducting negotiations through visits of the US secretary of state in the hope that they would help build a basis for direct talks.

"I can't see how a peace agreement can be reached without, at a certain stage, holding meetings at higher levels than there have been until today," he said.

Regarding comments made in Washington by Jordan's King Hussein over his willingness to publicly meet the Israeli leadership, Rabin said he was prepared to meet the king at any time and any place.

Rabin said he was hopeful that the bilateral talks with Jordan would resume next month somewhere in the region.

Speaking to American reporters yesterday on the eve of a visit to the US, Beilin said intensive US diplomacy does not guarantee success, but unless it occurs, there is no hope for the Syrian track.

"I think that what's needed – and I think everyone understands it now – is a very intensive involvement in shuttling between Damascus and Jerusalem," he said.

While admitting he is not objective, Beilin said he believed the Israeli-Syrian conflict is the most ripe for resolution among all the regional problems deserving US attention.

Beilin's remarks only seem to underscore a prevailing view in Jerusalem that preoccupation with the crisis in North Korea could easily mean less US attention to the Middle East. "I'm happy the Middle East is not burning, but I think all of us understand that it is very explosive," Beilin said.

For the first time, Beilin ripped five US senators, led by Sen. Al D'Amato (R.-NY), who recently appealed to President Bill Clinton not to send US troops to the Golan Heights because there presence would be "very troubling."

Beilin said such an appeal by US legislators was actually a smoke screen for those who do not want peace talks between Israel and Syria to succeed.

Beilin made clear that Israel does not want US troops on the Golan to be an independent fighting force, but rather have the same peacekeeping monitoring function that US troops fulfill as part of a multinational effort in the Sinai desert.

On another topic, Beilin indicated that Israel would not force Palestinians in the territories to hold elections, even though balloting would be "our preference." He said Israel would not be obligated to redeploy its troops, but did not rule out Israel "unilaterally" redeploying away from some Palestinian towns.

He said the upcoming early empowerment talks on transferring social welfare responsibilities to Palestinians throughout the territories "could be redundant" if Palestinian elections are held.

He said it may take up to four months before Palestinian intentions about elections are clarified.

At the cabinet this past Sunday, Rabin said an organizational meeting to discuss the framework of early empowerment talks is scheduled for next week.

However, sources say Israel has yet to compose a delegation, let alone put together a strategy, for the talks themselves.

Yi'ud seen split over joining coalition

DAN IZENBERG

THE Yi'ud faction summoned its 11-person secretariat to a late night meeting in Jerusalem yesterday to decide whether or not to accept Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's invitation to join the coalition.

The unexpected meeting was convened after faction leader Gonen Segev and Alex Goldfarb failed to convince Esther Salmovitz to go along with their recommendation to negotiate with the Labor Party.

The three huddled in Salmovitz's room in the Knesset for three hours in the afternoon, but failed to reach a unanimous decision. In fact, it was not certain that Salmovitz would go along with the party if the secretariat backed Segev and Goldfarb.

Salmovitz has repeatedly made it clear that she belongs to the "national camp" and disagrees with government policy.

Settlement leaders, including Uri Ariel, secretary-general of the Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, conferred with Salmovitz earlier in the day to persuade her to remain firm in her opposition. Ariel waited outside Salmovitz's office during the afternoon meeting.

Labor has reportedly offered Segev the energy portfolio and Goldfarb the post of deputy housing minister.

Earlier yesterday, Segev sent to Rabin a list of Yi'ud's 10 conditions for joining the government. Among Yi'ud's principles are the opposition to the establishment of a Palestinian state, preserving united Jerusalem as Israel's capital under Israeli sovereignty, preserving a continuous land connection between the settlements, and holding a referendum on any Golan concessions.

IAF hits Hizbullah targets again

DAVID RUDGE

IAF warplanes struck at Hizbullah targets in the Jab'l Safi region north of the security zone last night for the fifth time in just four days.

Reports from Lebanon said jets flew two sorties, firing several missiles at Hizbullah positions although apparently without causing any casualties.

The IDF Spokesman said the pilots had reported direct hits on the targets and that all the aircraft returned safely to their bases.

Earlier yesterday, a teenage girl was reported to have been wounded in Nabatiya from shelling by IDF and South Lebanese Army gunners during further clashes in and north of the security zone.

Reports from Lebanon said several shells crashed into Nabatiya which was crowded with shoppers, causing schools to close early and sending residents scurrying for shelter.

The reports said IDF and SLA gunners also shelled suspected Hizbullah targets in the area.

The shelling followed an attack earlier in the morning on a SLA position in the Mansouria area, in the central sector of the zone.

Gunmen fired several mortar rounds at the post, without inflicting any casualties or damage. IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Radio Beirut also reported extensive flights by IAF warplanes and helicopters over various parts of south Lebanon during daylight yesterday, as tension in the region remained high following Monday's ambush of an IDF convoy in the zone by Hizbullah gunmen.

An IDF soldier First Sgt. Noam Simha, 21, of Kibbutz Rosh Hanikra, was killed in the ambush and three other soldiers were wounded. The attack occurred as the convoy was making its way to IDF positions on the Beaufort Castle.

Court allows Trans-Israel Highway work to continue despite lack of environmental study

EVELYN GORDON and JOSE ROSENFELD

THE High Court of Justice yesterday gave the state 60 days to explain why it has not ordered a complete environmental impact study for the planned Trans-Israel Highway.

At the same time, it refused the request of the petitioners – a non-profit organization called Man, Nature and Law and some of its members – for an interim injunction stopping all work on the highway until the court makes a final ruling on the case. However, it did not rule out the possibility of such an injunction at a later date.

"If you see the tractors going onto the road to start paving, then you can apply to us [for an injunction]," said Justice Eliahu Mazza, who was hearing the case together with Mishael Cheshin and Zvi Tal. "But right now, it isn't relevant."

The petitioners argued that a general environmental impact study, rather than just local studies, was mandated by the Planning and Building Code. But even if wasn't, they argued, it was unreasonable for the state not to perform one on such a major project.

"[The highway] will have an extremely significant impact on the environment," the petition stated. "In effect, it is the most important environmental-ecological issue on Israel's public agenda for the beginning of the 21st century."

In particular, the petitioners asked to examine the impact of the road in comparison to possible alternatives, such as building a railroad or widening existing roads instead.

Yehuda Cohen, director-general of the Trans-Israel Highway Corporation, disagreed with the petition's interpretation of the building code. The law, he said, requires only local environmental impact studies, in particularly sensitive areas, and those were done.

"No one even knows what a general study means," he said. "There is no such definition."

However, the court saw enough merit in the petition to require the state to give a more detailed response, and therefore issued the show-cause order.

Meanwhile, the cabinet will meet today to decide the compensation levels the government will pay for land expropriated for the planned Trans-Israel Highway.

According to the Trans-Israel Highway Corporation, the government will need to take over 18,000 dunams of land in order to build the main portion of Road No. 6, *which will extend 90 km.*

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur will propose to pay affected landowners the future value of the land expropriated, as well as for any financial burden the highway will cause them.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat strongly opposes Tsur's proposal, but supports the establishment of a committee to find solutions and set adequate compensation to special cases of landowners which will suffer unusual damage.

Justice Minister David Liba'i supports offering 100% compensation for the actual value of the land at the time of expropriation.

Affected farmers are demanding that the government set a compensation package before going ahead with construction of the road. Otherwise, they are threatening to block the highway. The farmers are requesting a minimum of 100% compensation.

MKs call for annexing Ma'aleh Adumim to J'lem

DAN IZENBERG

MKS Yehoshua Matza and Emanuel Zissman yesterday submitted a bill calling for the annexation to Jerusalem of Ma'aleh Adumim and Givat Ze'ev and the roads linking them to the capital.

Zissman (Labor) indicated that he supported such a move despite government policy to oppose in principle any legislation tying its hands in the peace negotiations.

Matza (Likud) said the annexation of Ma'aleh Adumim and Givat Ze'ev would put an end to Palestinian hopes of regaining control of eastern Jerusalem and making it the capital of a Palestinian state.

"If we don't distance the Palestinian neighborhoods of Jerusalem from the autonomy, they will become the capital of Palestine instead of a quarter in unified Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty," warned Matza.

He added that the Palestinian population was currently growing faster than the Jewish population in the city and its environs, and that there was currently more housing construction in the Palestinian sector than the Jewish. Matza singled out heavy Palestinian construction in A-Ram on the city's northern boundary, and A-Zo'em to the east.

Construction in A-Zo'em was chocking the Jerusalem-Ma'aleh Adumim highway, he added.

The bill calls for the annexation to the city of the roads leading to Givat Ze'ev and Ma'aleh Adumim plus 150 meters on each side.

Matza estimated that the bill would add 20,000-30,000 dunams to the city's current area of 110,000 dunams.

He said the mayors of Jerusalem and Ma'aleh Adumim and the head of the Givat Ze'ev local council supported the legislation. Two of three ministers with whom he had consulted also supported the bill, said Matza.

Tibi labeled off-limits as go-between with PLO

DAVID MAKOVSKY

ISRAELI officials are no longer authorized to speak to eastern Jerusalem gynecologist Ahmed Tibi as a go-between with the PLO since he is an Israeli citizen, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday in a joint statement.

The communique said the decision was made based on the legal finding of Foreign Ministry legal adviser Joel Singer.

However, it remains unclear if the decision was driven by purely legal considerations or reflected convenient political realities: with the first phase of the Cairo agreement having been completed, there will now be official Palestinian Authority representatives nearby in Gaza and Jericho.

Foreign Ministry officials insist Singer issued his finding in October, after Tibi participated in a Cairo meeting between Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. Subsequently, Jacques Neriah, who was then Rabin's diplomatic adviser, *refused to meet Arafat* during a trip to Tunis unless Tibi was excluded from the session.

Tibi denied that he is a member of the PLO, although Arafat named him a special adviser last year for Israeli affairs.

"I am a Palestinian-Israeli citizen," Tibi said in reaction to the news. "I am not an official representative nor a member of the *PLO. I have never been. The basis* of this legal finding that I am an official representative of the PLO is mistaken. My activity in the peace process was aimed at bridging differences between two sides and historical reconciliation between the two people. I did in the past, and I will do it in the future."

Tibi has many friends in the Israeli political establishment, most *notably Peres, incoming Histadrut* Secretary-General Haim Ramon, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid and Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin.

Haredi youths riot last night in capital

SOME 100 haredi youths ignored calls by their religious leaders and rioted in Jerusalem last night for the second night in a row to protest excavations in Migdal Ha'emek. Several dozen youths threw stones and bottles at passing cars and police, and set fire to trash bins in Kikar Shabbat. Earlier, haredi leaders agreed to police demands to call on their community to halt the violent demonstrations.

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Uncle suspected in savage beating of 2-year-old girl

RAINE MARCUS

A TWO-YEAR-OLD girl was fighting for her life in Assaf Harofeh Hospital's intensive care unit last night after she was beaten unconscious Saturday allegedly by her uncle.

The 27-year-old Rishon Lezion man suspected of administering the beating will appear in Rehovot Magistrates Court for a remand hearing this morning. Known to police as a petty criminal and drug addict, he lives with his sister, the child's mother.

The girl was taken to Assaf Harofeh Hospital's emergency ward Saturday night by Magen David Adom personnel suffering from bruises and injuries all over her body. The suspect himself apparently alerted the ambulance when the child lost consciousness.

However, police said yesterday that the child had also been hospitalized for bruises two weeks ago, but was released after treatment. The mother told doctors then that her daughter had fallen. This time, however, authorities suspected foul play and alerted police and social workers.

The child's mother, who is unemployed, is separated from her husband and lives in the apartment with the suspect and her two young sons.

Under questioning, the mother said her child had probably fallen, but stressed she was not home when the ambulance was called. She denied beating her child, said Superintendent Yifrah Duhovny.

"It is not logical that my brother could do such a thing, either," the woman told police. "He takes care of my child."

She was released after social workers and investigators ruled she was not involved in the suspected assault.

But Dr. Yitzhak Kadman, chairman of the National Council for the Child, said that by law parents are obliged to prevent violent attacks or abuse against their children.

"Even if the mother did not actually beat her daughter, it is still her moral and legal responsibility to protect her child, and to prevent others from harming or abusing her," said Kadman. "Children of such a tender age cannot protect themselves and cannot speak."

Kadman said he hopes police will treat the incident seriously and will investigate thoroughly.

"The police do not always act accordingly in such cases," he said.

Yesterday he wrote a letter to State Attorney Dorit Beinish asking her to appeal the lenient sentence of a father imprisoned for four months for repeatedly beating his two children.

"In this case, the children are fortunately still alive," said Kadman.

A year ago, he added, a two-week-old baby died from severe head injuries, but police have not yet completed their investigation because they are awaiting a pathologist's report. Just two days ago, said Kadman, the Health Ministry published their findings which state the baby died from "unnatural causes."

"It is strange," said Kadman, "that a year after the baby's death, police have not yet finished their investigation."

The number of reports on violence against children is constantly rising, said Dov Yisraeli, vice-chairman of Defense of Children International.

First Moroccan Jewish delegation arrives

A DELEGATION from the Moroccan Jewish community arrived last night together with the world leadership of Keren Hayesod, the first time that a delegation from an Arab country will attend a world conference of Jewish leaders in Israel.

They came with Chairman Shlomo Hillel, who headed a delegation together with Julia Koschitzky, chairman of the Keren Hayesod Board of Trustees, that spent the past five days in Morocco meeting government officials and Jewish community members.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will open the annual world conference of Keren Hayesod tonight at the Hyatt Hotel in Jerusalem.

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ACRI: GSS refusing travel permits to areas' residents who won't collaborate

EVELYN GORDON

THE General Security Service is increasingly witholding travel permits from residents of the territories who refuse to cooperate with Israeli authorities, the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) said in its annual report yesterday.

"ACRI has been particularly concerned by a growing number of complaints that the General Security Service has conditioned the granting of permits on agreement by the resident to collaborate," the organization wrote in its section on the territories.

Eliahu Abram, ACRI's coordinator for the territories, gave the example of a man, now middle-aged, who had been trying to get permission to visit Jordan since he finished high school, but was denied it without any reasons being given.

After ACRI wrote to the GSS in Jenin to ask for their reasons, the service held another meeting with the applicant, who then submitted an affidavit to ACRI regarding what happened there.

"He was told: If you're willing to cooperate, you'll get the permit tomorrow. But if not, forget it, even if you have all the lawyers in the world representing you," Abram said.

In this case, Abram said, the State Attorney's Office got the man a permit after ACRI threatened to petition the High Court of Justice on the matter. However, he said, efforts to get people permits to enter Israel have not met with as much luck, and petitions to the High Court are a poor remedy, since it is very hard to prove that the GSS is really imposing such conditions.

"But our impression, from the complaints we've gotten, is that the phenomenon has gotten worse," he said, hypothesizing that the closure of the territories has made people much more dependent on the permits.

At yesterday's Jerusalem press conference marking the issuing of the report, ACRI also came out strongly in favor of the government's obligation to protect collaborators from revenge by the PLO in the wake of the autonomy agreement.

"[Helping people you've used] seems to me to be a basic humanitarian principle," said ACRI chairman Prof. Ruth Gavison.

In her speech, Gavison stressed that civil rights must apply to everyone. This is why, she said, the organization has protested the recent administrative detentions of Kach activists, despite the fact that the move has been unpopular with some of ACRI's traditional supporters on the left. Some have termed ACRI's position "collaborating with the forces of darkness," she said.

On the other hand, she added, the public outcry against the administrative detentions – compared to the silence in the face of much more serious measures taken against Arabs – sharpens the impression of a double standard for Jews and Arabs.

"We have to ask ourselves why we have been applying this double standard for so many years," she said.

With regard to the overall human rights situation in Israel, Gavison stressed that despite the unique problems created by control of the territories, the security threat, and the non-separation of church and state, Israel has managed to maintain a respectable place on the human rights front.

"In every society there are human rights problems [such as police brutality or issues of patients' rights]," she said. "Israel isn't unique ... Israel certainly occupies a respectable place in the middle [on the human rights scale], and ... slowly, she is moving upward."

Gavison, Abram, director-general Amos Gil and legal director Dana Briskman also surveyed the organization's activities over the past year. These included its "Red Light" program to investigate complaints of police brutality; High Court victories which enabled Conservative and Reform Jews to serve on local religious councils and movie theaters to open on Shabbat; legislative efforts, such as the introduction of a Freedom of Information bill into the Knesset; and efforts on the administrative level, such as successfully persuading the state to publish civil service tenders in Arabic as well as Hebrew.

Peres: Syrians will allow last 300 Jews to leave soon

BATSHEVA TSUR

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres said last night that the last 300 Jews who want to leave Syria will be able to do so in the near future. Informed sources said there has been a steady stream of Jews coming out of Damascus in the last few months.

Speaking at a rally called by the Organization of Syrian and Lebanese Jews in Israel, Peres said that the president of Syria made a mistake by not coming to Israel together with the late Egyptian president, Anwar Sadat.

"Had Hafez Assad come here 17 years ago, Syria could have received what Egypt received, and there would have been peace today," Peres said. "But we cannot live in the past and we must now be forward-looking. There is no alternative but to make peace."

Peres said that unless the states of the Middle East prepared themselves for the 21st century, they would face collapse like the former Soviet Union. "The sources of wealth are not physical but intellectual, and in this Israel can be the leader," he said.

David Silvera, the organization's secretary, called on all the bodies dealing with Syrian Jewry to unite. "There is unity in strength and we need strength in the future we're going to face," he said.

The rally was held in conjunction with the Histadrut.

Religious camp still split over reaction to Goldstein

HERB KEINON

THE proper reaction to Baruch Goldstein and the Hebron massacre is still an issue in at least part of the religious Zionist camp, even as the Shamgar Commission of Inquiry into the massacre is due to release its findings on Sunday.

Meimad, in the first edition of a magazine it has just launched, published a letter from Kiryat Arba Chief Rabbi Dov Lior in which he called Goldstein a martyr. Lior's letter was in response to a letter all Hesder rabbis received from Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein, dean of the Har Etzion yeshiva in Alon Shvut, in which Lior was criticized for eulogizing Goldstein.

"I did indeed eulogize the deceased Baruch Goldstein, may the Lord avenge his blood, who was lynched by Gentiles in the Machpela Cave," Lior wrote. "A Jew who is killed because he is a Jew should certainly be called a martyr, just as we call Holocaust [victims] martyrs, without searching into how they lived their lives beforehand. Even more so here, where we knew [Goldstein] well as a God fearing man who did good deeds, loved people and saved lives.

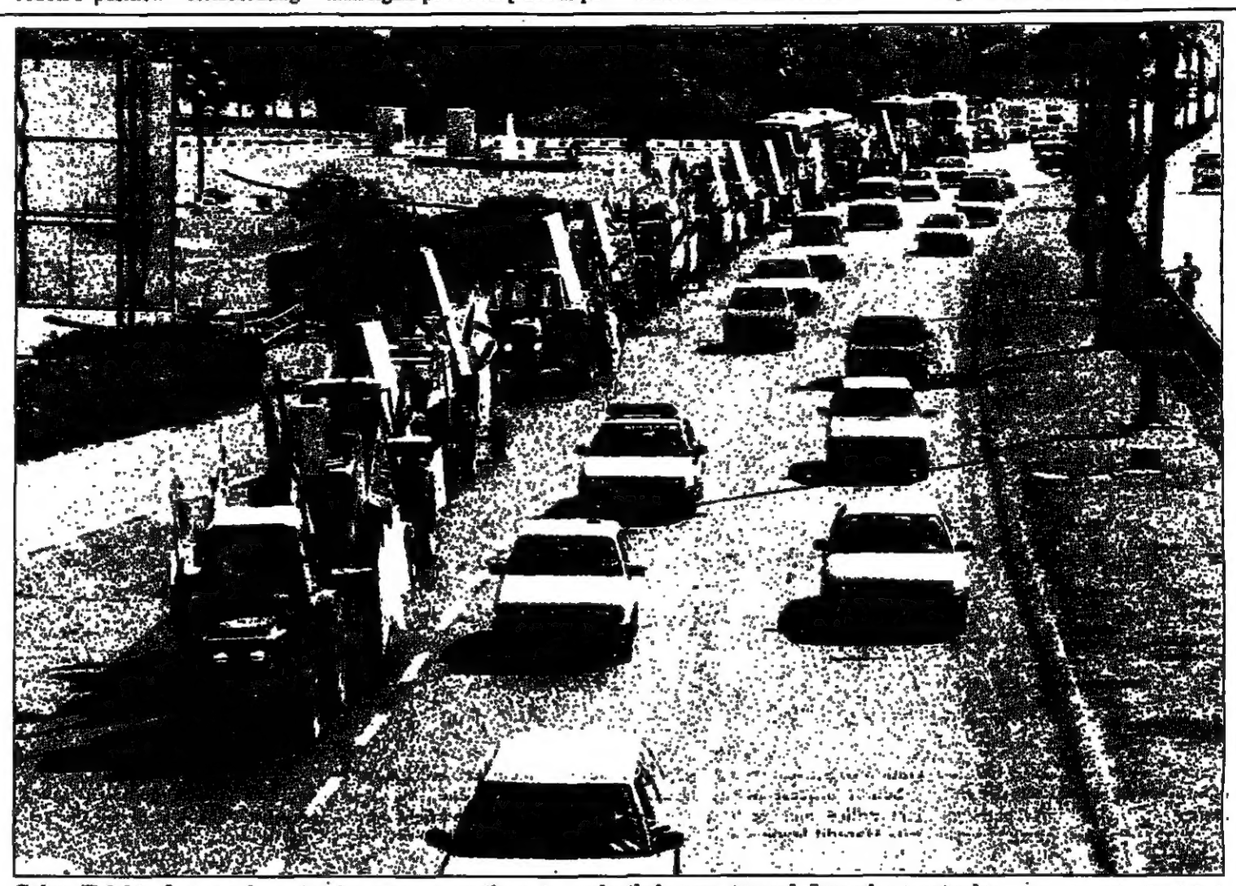
"I am surprised at great Tora scholars, lovers of Israel, who are quick in passing judgment without knowing the background and circumstances that forced him to act... People died in front of him, and he heard the yell 'Kill the Jews' in the cave on Purim... All this together, I assume, led him to this extreme act. I am not taking a stand, but rather giving the benefit of the doubt, as we are commanded to do."

In his letter to the Hesder rabbis, Lichtenstein wrote: "I want to protest strongly against what happened last night [the eulogy at Goldstein's funeral] in full view of Israel and the world. A man, no matter what his previous merits, left this world while carrying out a horrible, terrible massacre. And as such, profaned God's name, trampled on the honor of Tora and mitzvot, stained the image of the community of Israel and brought about a danger to settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza."

The magazine also published a reply that Lichtenstein received from Avraham Kurtzweil and Shmuel Hever, the heads of the Hesder yeshiva in Karnei Shomron, who took him to task for supporting the peace process that they said has given legitimacy "to the arch-terrorist who has spilled, like water, the blood of Jews and others."

Itim adds:

In response to Lior's remarks, Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban said: "By turning the despicable murderer Baruch Goldstein into a martyr, seemingly like the martyrs of the Holocaust, because he was killed by non-Jews, Lior reveals himself to be an idol-worshipper who lacks the slightest bit of Jewish or other morality. Rabbi Lior, who has given post-facto backing to this terrible massacre and the person who carried it out, should not be permitted to continue to hold public office."



Golan Heights farmers in a tractor convoy continue to make their way toward Jerusalem yesterday. (Ilan Oseandriver/Israel Sun)

Weizman to open Israel-Diaspora Dialogue

BATSHEVA TSUR

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman will open his Dialogue on Israel-Diaspora relations this morning at Beit Hanassi.

More than 200 institutional and intellectual leaders, more than half of them from abroad, will participate in the two-day meeting.

Meanwhile, MK Ariel Weinstein (Likud) has sent a letter to the president protesting that no opposition leaders will address the forum.

"I am most surprised to see how Beit Hanassi, the symbol of the unity of the Jewish people, has impaired that very unity," Weinstein wrote yesterday.

"If you do not wish the dialogue to be written into the collective memory of the public as a one-sided conference, you would do well to find a way to correct the injustice and invite the opposition leaders as well...It would be appropriate that the voice of hundreds of thousands of people who chose the opposition stream [be heard] in the presidential residence."

But the head of the President's Bureau said that Likud Party leader Binyamin Netanyahu and MK Dan Meridor, among others, had been invited to attend but declined.

"To our regret, the two, who were invited at the outset, were unable to participate. This is a shame," bureau head Arye Shumer said in reply. "The conference is not political," he added, "and has no party overtones. It reflects the president's concern for the future of the Jewish people in the world and the substance of the ties between Israel and the various communities."

"Beit Hanassi has always been, and remains, above political affiliation and this is apparent to the Jews of Israel and those abroad," he added.

Israeli-Arab educators want more Palestinian studies

JACOB DALLAL

ISRAELI Arab educators and academics say they want to see the school curriculum in their sector give pupils a stronger Arab and Palestinian identity.

"We want to form an Arab, Palestinian individual in the State of Israel," said Dr. Ahmed Habiballah, chairman of a committee on education for local councils. Habiballah was speaking yesterday in Nazareth at a conference on education among Israeli Arabs.

Critics like Habiballah say that the present course of studies in Arab schools reflects a long-standing government fear of Israeli Arabs having too strong a Moslem or Arab identity. For example, said Dr. Majid Al-Haj of Haifa University, the number of hours an Israeli Arab pupil studied the Bible in school was eight times that allotted for the study of Islam.

Al-Haj also called for forging a stronger Palestinian identity among Israeli Arab youths. "Modern Palestinian history should be made a mandatory course for matriculation," Al-Haj wrote in a paper just published by the Floersheimer Institute, which sponsored yesterday's conference.

Participants at the conference also expressed frustration at the gap in the level of education among Jews and Arabs. "Our child looks at the Jewish child next door: we have to feel that we are equal," said Habiballah.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The weekly meeting of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street.

We regret to announce the passing on June 20, 1994 of our beloved

JOSEPH INBAR

He bequeathed his body to science.

Deeply mourned by his wife, children, brother and sisters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of

Dr. ZE'EV SEKELES (Vili)

The funeral will take place at the Yarkon Cemetery, today, Wednesday, June 22, 1994 (13 Tammuz 5754) at 11:30 a.m.

Wife: Miriam (Nanny)
Ruthy, Gabby, Varda and Yerucham
Grandchildren: Galit and Shuki, Amir and Joanna
Orit and Raviv, Chen and Eran
Great-grandchildren: Ben, Nitzan, Shir and Omer

Shiva at the Sekeles residence, 70 Rehov Herzl, Ramat Gan (Entrance Bet).

Soldier killed in ambush buried on his kibbutz

DAVID RUDGE

"IF there was somebody who really wanted peace, it was Noam. He was a real idealist. He believed that peace was the thing," said Benji Loberant, at Kibbutz Rosh Hanikra yesterday, a few hours before the funeral of his friend First Sgt. Noam Simha, killed in Monday's Hizbullah ambush of an IDF convoy in the security zone.

"Noam was a great person. He loved life, lazing around, having fun and playing soccer. He had no enemies and everybody liked him," said Loberant who grew up with Simha on the kibbutz.

"I'm sure if he had been in charge of the peace talks, agreements would have been reached long ago. Without any connection to his attitude towards peace, his nickname which he had had since second grade was 'peace,', he was that kind of person.

"He didn't like being in Lebanon and he didn't particularly like the army, but he wanted to serve his country and he became a fighter. Now all that's left is the memory of him and his smile."

Simha is survived by his parents, two sisters and a brother.

US aid officials to be based in Jerusalem

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

THE US intends to base in Jerusalem its officials dealing with financial aid to the self-rule areas, but that does not constitute a change in American policy towards the city, a senior administration official said Monday.

The US team from the Agency for International Development will not operate a free-standing office, but be attached to the American consulate in Jerusalem "only for administering aid to Jericho," the official said.

Other officials would be posted to the Tel Aviv embassy to handle Gaza aid, he added.

The remarks came against the background of reported US plans to establish an office in Jerusalem of AID, which is a division of the State Department handling American foreign aid programs.

The US pledged $500 million to the Palestinian Authority during an international donors conference here last October.

The US might also set up a "front office" in Jericho to handle the work more directly, the official stated.

Israeli Arab couple claim they were refused housing on racial grounds

DAN IZENBERG

THE Justice Ministry is investigating a complaint by an Israeli Arab couple whose request for housing in a new urban community in northern Israel was allegedly rejected on racial grounds, Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said yesterday.

The issue was raised in the Knesset by MK Hashem Mahameed (Hadash). Tawfik and Helena Jabarin applied for housing in Katzir, an urban community being built on the Wadi Ara road.

Tawfik, a lawyer, and Helena, a social worker, currently living in Umm el-Fahm, submitted an application, according to Mahameed. They were told they met the criteria for acceptance and were sent to appear before a committee, empowered to approve or reject candidates.

According to Mahameed, the committee vetoed the application after a committee member pointed out that a provision of the the Israel Lands Authority charter says land belonging to the ILA cannot be sold to non-Jews.

Ben-Eliezer said he expected the State Attorney's Office to issue an opinion on the case within two weeks.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man, 77, gets 3 years for drug possession

A 77-year-old Beersheba man was sentenced yesterday to three years in jail for possession of drugs beyond the amount deemed reasonable for personal use. Shalom Cohen was convicted following his arrest six months ago for possession of more than 33 grams of heroin, which he said was for his own use. (Itim)

Two killed in car accident

Two brothers from eastern Jerusalem were killed early yesterday morning when their car hit a divider and overturned on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway. Nadal Hemed, 25, and his brother Jamal, 27, were killed. Hussan Abu Diab, 30, was seriously injured and taken to Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem. *Itim*

Accident victim dies

A 24-year-old Kibbutz Shoval resident, who suffered serious injuries in a traffic accident in the north last week, died Monday night and was buried at the kibbutz yesterday. Shauli Kaduri, who was serving as an IDF career officer, was promoted to the rank of captain upon his death. He had been unconscious at Rambam Hospital in Haifa since the accident. *Amir Rozenblit*

Namir improving

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir's condition is continuing to improve, following the neurosurgery she underwent last week in Switzerland. Ministry sources said Namir's chances of regaining sight in her left eye are good. It is not clear when Namir will be returning to Israel.

Youth tumbles into Ramon Crater

A high-school student sustained light injuries after falling off his bicycle and tumbling six meters into the Ramon Crater yesterday. The 16-year-old was touring the area with two other youths who alerted a rescue team with their walkie-talkie when the accident occurred. *Itim*

Shahal: Crime worse in Europe than here

Someone is murdered every 43 hours in the country, while a car theft occurs every 22 minutes, Police Minister Moshe Shahal told a group of Rehovot pupils yesterday. Shahal added that a sexual crime is reported to police every five hours and that nearly 350,000 criminal files are opened every year in Israel. *Itim*

Shamgar Commission to release findings

The Shamgar Commission of Inquiry into the Hebron massacre will publish its conclusions on Sunday, the Justice Ministry announced yesterday. However, the report is expected to be confined to an analysis of the operational blunders which made the massacre possible, and recommendations for how to avoid such failures in the future.

Racists use computers for antisemitism

Antisemitic and racist material is being spread on sophisticated computer networks in Western Europe and the United States, the Institute of Jewish Affairs said yesterday.

Meanwhile, in Russia and Ukraine, minority groups are under increasing threat from racist organizations which have proliferated since the collapse of the Soviet Union, said the institute, the research arm of the World Jewish Congress, in its annual Antisemitism World Report. *Reuter*

Winning numbers and cards

In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 5, 12, 27, 28, 32, 36 and the additional number was 19. In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, eight of hearts, 10 of diamonds and seven of clubs.

Brain-dead baby dies before court intervenes

A BABY declared brain dead whose parents opposed efforts to keep him alive died yesterday morning a short time before Rambam Hospital could appeal to the Tel Aviv District Court for permission to perform an emergency operation.

The baby, born prematurely on June 9, 1993, weighed 780 grams at birth. He was put in the intensive care unit at the Children's Medical Center in Beilinson Hospital, where he was declared brain dead. His parents petitioned the Tel Aviv District Court seeking to forbid doctors from operating to drain fluids from his brain. A judge rejected their request, but stated that any further operations would require the permission of the court and the parents.

The baby was operated on and transferred to a rehabilitation facility in Haifa, where his condition worsened Sunday. He was transferred to Rambam Hospital, but died before a petition for permission for another operation could be made. (Itim)

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Ben-Eliezer: No houses on Ashdod dune without agreement

DAN IZENBERG and LIAT COLLINS

HOUSING Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer promised yesterday that he would not build any housing on the Ashdod sand dune unless he reached prior agreement with Environment Minister Yossi Sarid.

"I am not prepared to make any decision with regard to the building without first formulating a plan with Sarid," Ben-Eliezer said in a speech to the Knesset plenum, in response to motions by MKs Yigal Bibi (NRP) and Uzi Landau (Likud).

Ben-Eliezer said he would not do anything through force, and that if there was any disagreement remaining with Sarid, he promised to bring the issue to the Knesset.

Earlier yesterday, Sarid, Housing Ministry Director-General Arye Mizrahi and Ashdod Mayor Zvi Zilker climbed the 35-meter-high sand dune to discuss its fate. The 17,000-dunam dune, the last of its type in Israel, is slated as the site for a 3,500-unit residential area.

The three agreed that in order to find alternative sites for housing, an exact survey must be made by specialists who could determine where construction could be carried out without harming the dune.

Even if no construction takes place on the dune itself, planning and environmental specialists said, it will disappear if the surrounding area which supplies it with sand is destroyed.

"The Ashdod dune is a classic case in which there is a conflict of interests – all of them clean, public interests," Sarid said. "The Housing Ministry has a real need to find land readily available for construction; the Ashdod Municipality has a need to develop; and then there are the Environment Ministry, the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel and other green groups who were founded to protect natural assets, the quality of life and the environment."

He reiterated his stand that he will not allow the dune to be spoiled. "We have no right to take it from the next generations," Sarid said. "I wouldn't want a child tomorrow to be able to read about the country's landscape in books, and not see the real features but only old photos of them."

However, Mizrahi insisted the need for housing took priority. When shown possible alternative sites, he said it would take too long to investigate land ownership. Mizrahi told *The Jerusalem Post* that the expedited building process *(valallim)*, which was recently renewed at his ministry's insistence, was not relevant in the case of Ashdod because the land is owned by several different groups of owners.

The officials were met at the top of the dune by a group of young protesters. They asked that the area be spared, and submitted a petition with hundreds of signatures.

Last week MK Landau submitted a similar petition signed by 70 MKs from across the political spectrum.

SPNI chairman Yoav Sagi noted that work has not yet begun on 10,000 housing units which have been approved in areas which would not endanger the dune. The dune is recognized as a unique habitat by the European Union for Dune Conservation and Coastal Management.

A member of the Beit Halohem Haifa wheelchair basketball team goes to the hoop against players from Ilan Jaffa yesterday in Ramat Gan. Beit Halohem won the game, taking the local Wheelchair Basketball League championship. (Alon Ron/Israel Sun)

Mea She'arim streets reopened after night of rioting by residents

HERB KEINON and BILL HUTMAN

MUNICIPAL sanitation crews cleaned Shabbat Square in Jerusalem's Mea She'arim quarter yesterday morning, following a night of riots ignited by the alleged desecration of ancient bones in Migdal Ha'emek.

Some 200 haredim, according to police estimates, burned trash bins and threw rocks at cars late Monday night and early yesterday morning. The disturbances started in Shabbat Square, but then spread to side streets throughout Mea She'arim. Police closed Shabbat Square to traffic late Monday night, and reopened it yesterday at noon.

Yehuda Paz, in charge of the municipality's sanitation department, said that 16 large garbage containers and 150 smaller garbage bins were torched. He said the city suffered "tens of thousands of shekels" worth of damage.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert condemned the disturbances in sharp terms, saying in a statement that "the city won't allow this to continue."

But Haim Miller, a United Tora Judaism party city councilman and member of Olmert's ruling coalition, said that although he condemns the vandalism, "We must understand the pain of those trying to express anger at the desecration of graves."

Senior officers in the Jerusalem police met yesterday with Eda Haredit leaders and warned them that the police will not tolerate similar riots in the future, and will use tougher measures the next time around. No one was arrested in Monday night's disturbances.

This was the second violent clash involving haredim in the capital this week. On Saturday, the police detained eight haredim who overturned trash bins and threw rocks along Rehov Bar-Ilan, in an attempt to close the road to Shabbat traffic.

Wall posters appeared in Mea She'arim yesterday that read: "Jews, remember, the matter is dependent on us, and if we do not forestall the evil and fight against it, they will desecrate graves and all of us will be accountable for the sin."

The poster, signed by the Action Committee, called upon haredim to go to Migdal Ha'emek and stand guard so that additional graves are not desecrated.

One Antiquities Authority official said the proximity of the dig to a large haredi community in Migdal Ha'emek explains the furious haredi reaction. The official also said the fervor over this particular dig may be have been an attempt to impress Satmar Rebbe Moshe Teitelbaum, whose two-week visit to the country ended yesterday. The Satmar hassidim, over the years, have been a driving force behind similar demonstrations against archeological digs that unearth ancient graves.

Police net three for illegal fishing

LIAT COLLINS

FOUR fishermen yesterday tried to run down a Nature Reserves Authority warden with their boat in the waters belonging to Rosh Hanikra's nature reserve.

The incident occurred during a routine tour of the protected waters by the NRA warden. He spotted the fishermen dropping a net in the nature reserve area where fishing is forbidden.

After the fishermen left the area, he pulled up the net both to save the fish and to use as evidence in court. The four fishermen saw what he was doing, returned and forcibly tried to stop him. They escaped, with the net, to open sea.

Police later caught three out of the four at the Acre marina, while the fourth ran away. The suspects men are being detained at the Nahariya police station.

The Rosh Hanikra nature reserve is particularly rich in fish.

Haredim arrested at Migdal Ha'emek dig

DAVID RUDGE

POLICE arrested several haredim yesterday on suspicion of assault and disrupting work at the archeological rescue dig in Migdal Ha'emek.

Dozens of haredim demonstrated at the site in the morning despite an agreement that had been reached between the sides.

The protesters, charging that the dig was desecrating an ancient Jewish burial site, lay down on the ground and resisted attempts to move them.

Dr. Zvi Gal, heading the rescue dig for the Antiquities Authority, charged that three workers – one of them a woman – at the site were assaulted and beaten by the fervent demonstrators.

He stressed that all 35 people working on the site had strict instructions not to use force of any kind and had adhered to the regulations.

Nevertheless, Gal said some of the demonstrators had taken matters into their own hands and had beaten two of the men, and hit a woman with a plastic pipe.

None of them required medical treatment, but Gal said complaints had been lodged with police about the assaults.

After yesterday's incident, Ganot and senior officers met with Gal, a representative of the orthodox Atra Kadisha, and the director of the Housing Ministry's northern district to try and calm the situation and restore order.

The spokeswoman for the northern police region said that an agreement was reached which would enable the archaeological excavations to continue, while all due consideration would be given to the sensitivities of religious groups.

A similar compromise had been thrashed out in meetings between Ganot, Gal and a representative of the Religious Affairs Ministry on Monday night, but did not hold during the demonstrations yesterday.

Gal said he hoped the new agreement would prove more binding than the previous one but he was not overly optimistic. "Nevertheless, we will continue with our work ... in the hope that there won't be any more disruptions and we can complete our job in the next few days," said Gal.

"I believe that what we are doing is in the best interests of all and gives all due respect to the dead. Any bones found will be handed over to the Religious Affairs Ministry for burial in accordance with the law," he added.

The Housing Ministry has designated the site for a new 160-home housing project. So far, the excavations have revealed the remains of a Roman/Byzantine period settlement, as well as underground burial caves.

The Antiquities Authority said the graves had been robbed in the distant past and little remained, and that there was no evidence to prove one way or the other whether they were Jewish graves.

US expert: All pregnant women should have AIDS tests

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Health Ministry should conduct voluntary HIV testing of all pregnant women, and give the AZT drug to all those found to be carriers, a US-based infectious-disease expert said yesterday.

Israel should learn from America's mistakes regarding AIDS before it is too late, said Dr. Sanford Kuvin. In the US, he said, all pregnant women are tested for HIV, but the information is used only for epidemiological studies after any identifying data is erased from the computer.

Kuvin is founder and chairman of the board of the Kuvin Center for the Study of Infectious and Tropical Diseases at Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School. He is also vice-chairman of the US national Foundation for Infectious Diseases.

The US National Institutes of Health announced a major scientific breakthrough last February when it revealed a study showing that AZT (zidovudine), when taken by pregnant women who were AIDS carriers, reduced the transmission rate to their babies from one out of four to one out of 12.

"The study was so clear cut, Kuvin said, that the NIH immediately put all pregnant AIDS carriers on the drug to try to save their babies.

Kuvin presented his views two weeks ago to the 12-member Health Ministry steering committee on AIDS, but only one member voiced some support for the proposal. The rest argued that "Israel is not the US and we can't afford mass screening" of pregnant women.

Dr. Zvi Bentwich, an AIDS expert at Rehovot's Kaplan Hospital, explained that such testing would cost more than $300,000 a year – a "prohibitive" amount. Instead, he said, the ministry tests a small number of pregnant women at high risk for AIDS (such as drug abusers and certain other groups) and counsels other women at family health centers. The money, Bentwich argued, was better spent on AIDS education campaigns.

However, Kuvin insists that the cost of treating a single AIDS baby runs into tens of thousands of dollars (in the US, it is $500,000) before it dies. In addition, heterosexual women aged 15 to 24 are the fastest-growing group of AIDS carriers in Israel. "We are hearing the same beliefs here about AIDS that we heard 12 years ago in the US, when AIDS was 'not yet' an important public health problem," Kuvin argues.

Proposal rejected for mandatory AIDS tests for medical personnel

Ministry: No patient got AIDS from staff

JUDY SIEGEL

A MEMBER of the Health Ministry's AIDS steering committee yesterday rejected outright a proposal that would require all medical personnel in direct contact with patients to periodically undergo blood tests for HIV.

Prof. Zvi Bentwich, an AIDS expert at Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot, dismissed the proposal by MK Shaul Yahalom (NRP) that was offered in the form of a private member's bill.

"The same idea has been raised in various countries, including the US, but was rejected by all. It would cause more damage than benefit," he said.

Yahalom argued that patients have the right to know whether people treating them are carriers of AIDS or other infectious diseases, and that if found to be carriers, these personnel should be barred from having direct contact with patients.

Bentwich explained that not only was the cost a factor, but periodic AIDS testing for a population of tens of thousands "would result in numerous false-positive results. Their fears would be assuaged only by an additional test. In addition, many medical personnel would refuse to have any contact with HIV carriers and AIDS patients. The chances of a patient contracting HIV from his doctor or nurse are virtually nil."

The issue was raised again following publicity about a Kaplan Hospital surgeon who is in intensive care with a type of pneumonia characteristic of AIDS patients. Hospital officials declined to reveal the man's identity or to comment on news reports that he is bisexual.

Bentwich says he believes that the surgeon, who underwent an HIV test six months ago and was found free of the disease, will consent to have another test. In the meantime, the hospital will invite all his former patients to have an HIV test, just in case.

The Health Ministry declared that past experience in Israel and around the world shows not a single case of unintentional transmission of AIDS from a doctor to a patient. A Florida dentist who infected a number of his patients apparently infected them on purpose.

Over a year ago, a surgeon from a Galilee village discovered he was an AIDS carrier. All 1,324 patients on whom he had operated were invited in for a blood test. Of the 936 people who turned up, not a single former patient had been infected with HIV. The physician, who so far is healthy and functioning normally, is working in an advisory capacity and no longer performing surgery.

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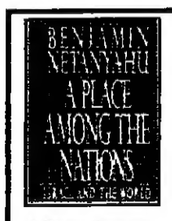

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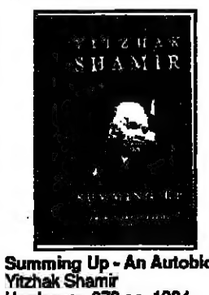

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Rebels shell Kigali before French arrive

SHAWN POGATCHNIK

KIGALI

REBELS shelled the Rwandan capital yesterday, trying to gain ground before the arrival of French troops they believe will back the government.

A French deployment seemed more likely after UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali urged the Security Council to consider the plan. Boutros-Ghali said the French troops could help calm the situation until a larger UN force is raised.

The Security Council was to meet yesterday afternoon to discuss sending an initial force of about 1,000 French troops. Jean-Bernard Merimee, France's ambassador to the United Nations, said the troops could arrive within days of UN approval.

The multinational UN force in Rwanda now numbers only 490 lightly armed soldiers, who have unable to prevent widespread massacres of Rwandan civilians. It could take three months to send reinforcements, Boutros-Ghali said.

Though Rwandan rebels say they welcome UN troops, they are bitterly opposed to French peacekeepers.

In a radio statement yesterday, rebel leader Col. Alexis Kanyarengwe said his forces believed "the new plan for French intervention is intentionally dangerous, as it is meant to protect the killers of the Rwandan people."

France helped ward off a rebel advance in 1990, saying it was protecting foreign civilians. This time, France says it must intervene to stop the slaughter of Rwandan civilians.

Also yesterday, aid workers began to return to a giant refugee camp in Tanzania to care for 350,000 Rwandans, a week after they were chased away by thousands of rioting Hutus.

However, Doctors Without Borders and some other aid groups said they would not go back to the Benako Refugee Camp until the UN High Commissioner for Refugees improves security there.

The war pits Tutsi-led rebels against Hutu-controlled government forces. Most of the estimated 200,000 victims have been members of the Tutsi minority killed by government-trained Hutu militias.

The rebels have captured about two-thirds of the country, including parts of the capital, Kigali. Rebel attacks on the eastern part of the city began Monday night and continued late yesterday morning.

Rebel and government troops also battled yesterday for strategic Mount Kigali, west of the capital.

The rebels appeared to be trying to capture as much territory as possible before the French troops arrive. UN spokesman Pierre Mehu said the battle for Kigali has intensified since the French proposed sending troops.

Mehu said it was impossible to determine how many people had been killed or wounded Monday night and yesterday. But he said 200 people – including civilians and fighters – had been wounded by shells Monday.

The fighting had died down by morning, allowing the United Nations to evacuate hundreds of Tutsis who had been holed up in government-controlled Kigali in a church that was visited nightly by Hutu death squads.

Those left behind Monday at the Ste. Famille Roman Catholic Church were visibly frightened. Most were Tutsis, the ethnic group that has been decimated by Hutu militias and gangs since civil war resumed April 6. The gangs have sought to wipe out government opponents, including highly educated Hutus and Tutsis in general.

Killing in the Ste. Famille complex has accelerated as the rebel fighters of the Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Front press their offensive on the capital. (AP)

American teenager Michael Fay, flanked by his stepfather Marco Chan (r) and natural father George Fay (l, behind), leaves Singapore's Queenstown Reman Prison yesterday. (Reuter)

Singapore police slapped me and pulled my hair, says Michael Fay

Freed US teenager interviewed by Israel Radio

SINGAPORE (AP) — Michael Fay, the American teenager whose flogging for vandalism dragged Americans and Asians into a rancorous cultural clash, walked out of prison yesterday saying Singapore interrogators had slapped him and pulled his hair.

"I was smacked in the face. My hair was pulled. I was actually pulled out of my chair by the hair. I was hit on the head with one of the officer's knuckles," he said on Israel Radio.

"My friends as well were also tortured and some were tortured worse than me," he said.

Police have denied allegations that he was bullied into confessing.

Fay, 19, gave a similar account in a letter to his father, but the Israel Radio interview was his first since he and eight other foreign youths were arrested Oct. 6 on suspicion of spray-painting cars and stealing road signs.

His father, George Fay, said the youth chose to talk by telephone with Israel Radio because the Israeli public backed him, and Israeli human rights campaigners tried to head off the flogging.

Fay Jr. said that he did nothing except keep the stolen street signs, which he claimed were taken by a youth now back in Sweden.

"I say that from the deepest of my heart that I did not commit any of these things except that I had some signs in my house," he said.

Fay received four lashes with a rattan cane on May 5, and he confirmed reports that afterward he shook the flogger's hand.

"I shook his hand because I keep my pride inside me," Fay said, adding that the man was only following government orders.

Fay Sr. said his parents were Jews who survived the Holocaust, and that when his son's Jewish background emerged, "it touched a chord in Israel."

It also kindled his son's interest in Judaism, and he read "Schindler's List" during his 83 days behind bars. He gave the novel to his father, saying, "I underlined all the parts that I want to talk to you about," Fay said.

Fay emerged from prison looking pale and subdued.

After a shower, rest and change of clothes, he visited the US Embassy and said in a brief statement to reporters: "I am happy to be out. My health is good. I'm looking forward to the future very much. I am looking forward to going back to my own country."

In the evening, his classmates came to the family apartment to say goodbye. Fay, his parents and stepfather fly home today.

Apart from the lashing, Fay was sentenced to four months in prison and a 3,500 Singapore dollar ($2,244) fine after pleading guilty to spray-painting cars. He got one-third off his jail term for good behavior.

The lashing sentence provoked protest from President Clinton, and divided Americans between those who saw the punishment as inhumane and those who wished their own courts would treat vandals so harshly. Flogging reportedly can permanently scar the buttocks and cause mental trauma.

After Clinton's request, Singapore authorities reduced the sentence from six strokes to four, but steadfastly defended their brand of justice, saying it keeps the city state clean, safe and prosperous.

Washington awaits confirmation of Carter deals

WASHINGTON (Reuter) – The United States has asked North Korea to confirm assurances given to former President Jimmy Carter about its nuclear programme and expects a response within "a couple of days," President Clinton said yesterday.

"We have followed up President Carter's statements to me and letter of understanding with a communication to the North Koreans ... and we expect and hope to hear back within a couple of days about whether President Carter's understanding of what they said is correct," Clinton told reporters.

The president's disclosure that a official follow-up had been made on Carter's visit to Pyongyang last week came at a picture-taking session with two visiting leaders, Presidents Arpad Goncz of Hungary and Michal Kovac of the Slovak Republic.

Carter returned with the understanding that North Korea would freeze its efforts to acquire more plutonium – a key ingredient of nuclear weapons – in exchange for immediate, high-level talks with the United States.

In a TV interview Monday, Clinton said that if the North Korean programme was indeed frozen, "then clearly that is grounds for talking," and the US communication is aimed at verifying Pyongyang's reported offer.

Washington is trying to look at the bright side of Carter's trip.

Clinton aides said the best news to come out of Carter's visit was a possible opening toward resolving the conflict over North Korea's nuclear program and, at the least, a cooling of bellicose rhetoric.

White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said: "We'll see what comes out of it. I think it's too soon to say what the results will be, but it may have created an opening."

It is traditional in Washington not to publicly criticise former presidents, especially if he is of the same political party as the president in power.

Still, it rankled many in the Clinton administration that Carter, after his first talks with North Korean President Kim Il-sung last week, would reveal his diplomatic progress to a CNN audience before giving a full face-to-face briefing to officials in Washington.

Then he was recorded telling Kim that the United States had stopped its efforts to get the UN Security Council to approve phased sanctions against Pyongyang, when the day before Clinton had said just the opposite. He later said he was expressing only his personal view, not Clinton's.

Upon Carter's return, he stood in the driveway of the White House Sunday after briefing senior U.S. officials and announced "the crisis is over."

He said he disagreed with Clinton's push for sanctions because they could provoke North Korea and that, "If I had thought the sanctions were a good idea, I never would have gone over there."

Red Cross warns of diseases in Aden

ADEN (Reuter) – Northern Yemeni gunners pounded Aden's ancient bazaar and residential areas yesterday as the Red Cross warned that diseases could spread through the besieged southern capital.

A military statement from the south said its guerrillas, veterans of a 1960s war with Britain, killed 20 northern soldiers in a battle behind northern front lines.

Aden residents said northern Yemeni cannon and mortar fire slackened towards evening yesterday after a day when shells rained down on Aden's bazaar in the central Crater district, on other residential areas and the airport and port.

Hospital sources said at least two people, including a 12-year-old boy, were killed and five people wounded.

Officials say at least 100 have been killed in Aden in the past week and have appealed to residents to donate blood to help dozens of wounded.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said lethal forms of diarrhoea had started appearing in Aden, which is crowded with refugees and whose infrastructure has taken a pounding from northern artillery.

"We believe that unless additional material is put at the disposal of the parties in a very, very short time, more lives will be lost," Arnold Luethold, who heads the ICRC in the Arabian peninsula, told Reuters in Kuwait.

He said the ICRC feared the spread of epidemics in Aden, a city of 400,000.

"There are still many dead and wounded people under the rubble of the houses. They (the northerners) shoot at anything in range," a southern official told Reuters.

Northern Yemeni officers at the frontlines round Aden told foreign journalists on a trip from the northern capital Sanaa that they were aiming for southern military targets and were trying to avoid hurting civilians as far as was possible.

The northern forces trying to crush a bid by the south to secede from a four-year union of Yemen's two halves and are now entrenched in an arc around the southern capital after overrunning much of the south since war began.

The war broke out on May 4 after a long political crisis between northern and southern leaders. The south announced 17 days later that it was breaking away from the union.

Five attempts at a ceasefire have failed with both sides accusing the other of firing first. UN peace envoy Lakhdar Brahimi left Cairo for New York on Monday after failing to bring the two sides' envoys together to discuss enforcing a truce.

A southern military statement said guerrillas of the Popular Resistance and armed local men killed 20 northern soldiers in a battle in the mountainous Dhalea area, about 130 km north of Aden in southern territory overrun by the north.

Lawmakers approve Russian peacekeepers to Abkhazia

MOSCOW (Reuter) – Russia's parliament yesterday finally approved the dispatch of a 3,000-strong peacekeeping force to Georgia's province of Abkhazia, underpinning Moscow's growing role as the regional policeman in the Caucasus.

Defense Minister Pavel Grachev, who had lobbied hard for approval by parliament's upper house, told journalists after a closed session that the force would be deployed once mine- clearing operations had been completed in two or three days.

The bulk of the force, which would comprise three battalions, would initially be deployed along the Inguri River, Grachev said. The Inguri, whose banks are heavily mined, marks the border between Abkhazia and the rest of Georgia.

The move by the Federation Council, reversing an earlier decision, underscored Moscow's claim to the role of natural arbiter in conflicts on territories of the old Soviet Union.

It also amounted to a new projection of power by the old imperial power in the Caucasus, a region which Russia has seen as its own backyard since the 19th century.

Dream a little dream of....Bill

LARRY McSHANE

NEW YORK

IN bedrooms across America, Bill Clinton is a nightly visitor.

He plays his sax. Enjoys a Scotch on the rocks, no twist. Whips up a little snack, or gets a little loving – at least until the alarm clock rings.

Call him President Dreamweaver. Clinton is a fixture in the dreams of some constituents, and one of those dreamers recently assembled a book of those nocturnal appearances called "Dreams of Bill."

Julia Anderson-Miller, a publishing house art director, dreamed of Clinton giving her a relaxing neck message. When she woke up her neck felt better, and she decided to find out if anybody else had dreamed a little dream of Bill.

They had.

"We fell in love and had great sex," one dreamer wrote of the President. "He was married to Hillary and I was single. (Vice President) Al Gore yelled at me and told me I was a homewrecker."

Or this: "He was trying to be a 'really cool' president and was hosting (popular US television show) 'Saturday Night Live' and wearing jeans, a black vest, and no shirt."

Or maybe this: 'I dreamed Bill made me a ham sandwich from a beautiful sugar-cured whole ham. ... Nice spicy mustard, real vine-ripened tomato, and green lettuce. He handed it to me on a china plate and said, 'That'll be $116, please."

These and 267 other dreams were sent to Anderson-Miller after she and her husband placed ads in newspapers around the country asking, "Have you ever dreamt of BILL CLINTON???"

Twenty-three people had "visited" Bill in the White House. Nine kissed Bill. Seven had dinner with Bill. One kissed Hillary.

Then there were the erotic encounters. Eight women slipped into the arms of Morpheus, and wound up in the arms of Bill Clinton.

When the Bill of their dreams wasn't being president, he held an assortment of other positions – and none of them were dream jobs.

"I was on line at a buffet-style restaurant – the type you find on the New Jersey Turnpike – and Bill Clinton was working the cash register," wrote one dreamer.

Bill was employed at Dominick's grocery store, wearing a "Bubba" nameplate. He was a traveling light-bulb salesman. A veterinarian. A priest, saying Mass. A clown at a childrens' party.

In one case, Clinton provided executive clemency: "When Bill Clinton happens to come to town and finds out John is in jail, he not only has him released immediately but invites him as his guest for dinner."

Food, of course, is a Clinton dream staple. Bill shows up at McDonald's and the Chicken Box, a defunct Florida restaurant. And food does Bill in: "Someone referred in passing to the death of Bill Clinton by food poisoning," wrote another dreamer.

It's not all sweet dreams. There was this bizarre tale involving a man, his grandmother and the nation's leader:

"I fell asleep and when I awoke I noticed I had been stabbed repeatedly. ... I called my gram. I told her I had been stabbed, and she said to me, 'I warned you about him, and I asked, 'Who?'

"She replied, 'Bill Clinton. He's been going around stabbing people who have relatives in Arkansas.'"

Say goodnight, Bill. (AP)

Discharged US airman kills four, wounds 19

SPOKANE (AP) – A man who had been discharged from the US Air Force for psychiatric problems stormed onto his former base and sprayed a hospital and parking lot with gunfire. Four people were killed and 19 wounded before a policeman shot the gunman dead.

One of the first to be killed was the psychiatrist who recommended the gunman's discharge, police said. Ten of the wounded were in critical condition.

The gunman was armed with an AK-47 assault rifle and another unspecified "single shot" weapon, said Col. William Brooks, commander of Fairchild Air Force Base where the shooting took place.

The gunman was identified as Dean A. Mellberg, formerly of Lansing, Mich., said Spokane County Undersheriff John Goldman. Mellberg was stationed at Fairchild as recently as February and was discharged in May, Goldman said.

A military police officer on bicycle patrol shot the man in a parking lot outside the hospital, Sheriff Larry Erickson said.

The gunman arrived at the hospital in a taxicab from a local motel, entered an adjacent annex building and shot three people, Spokane County Undersheriff John Goldman said.

"Then he went down the halls and corridor, spraying rounds," in the annex and the hospital, Goldman said. Hundreds of people were in the buildings at the time, he said.

At some point, a bystander in the parking lot was also fatally shot.

Soon after the afternoon rampage, emergency vehicles were clustered along a road near the base hospital. The 19 wounded were taken to several other hospitals.

Four people were listed in critical condition at Deaconess Medical Center, authorities said, and two more were listed in critical condition at Sacred Heart Medical Center. Two people were listed in critical condition at Holy Family Hospital and two were in critical condition at Valley Hospital and Medical Center. The others were being treated at those hospitals for lesser wounds.

Among the wounded, hospital officials said, were a 3-year-old boy and a 5-year-old girl. Their conditions were not immediately released.

"I kept hearing these popping noises," said Rebecka Vanover, who lives in a base housing area across the street from the hospital. "They sounded almost like firecrackers but they were dull. It was really a madhouse, all these sirens going on."

Todd Boyle, who also lives across the street, said he heard gunshots, looked out his front door and saw a man who was dressed in black fall to the ground.

Dozens of witnesses were taken to a community center on the base for interviews with investigators.

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Like N. Korea, like Iran

ANALYSIS

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IF you liked North Korea, you'll love Iran.

Left unchallenged for another year or two by the international community, the revolutionary Islamic regime in Teheran will be able to threaten the very survival of its enemies – especially Israel.

As with North Korea today, this regime will confront the world with a nuclear *fait accompli*, and once again the world community will ask, "How did it come to this?"

The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty cannot prevent the spread of nuclear weapons. In the case of Iraq, the treaty actually provided cover for a treacherous NPT member state to develop weapons of mass destruction without external interference.

Had it not been for the Gulf War victory, Baghdad would almost certainly have fulfilled its nuclear objectives, and Israel would have faced Scud missiles tipped with atomic warheads.

Viewed from Jerusalem, the developing nuclearization of Iran is particularly ominous. While the Clinton administration is pressuring it to join the NPT next year as a non-nuclear member, Israel is being told by Washington that Iran's nuclear program is effectively beyond the reach of America's power.

Already, US impotence vis-a-vis North Korea's nuclear option has been increasingly evident.

In recent testimony to the House armed services committee, Walter Slocombe, principal deputy undersecretary for policy, and Robert Galluci, State Department assistant secretary, used the terms "denuclearized" and "non-nuclear" interchangeably.

But there is an important difference here.

In Korea's case, if the US aim is "denuclearization" of the peninsula, then US goals have to be to roll back an existing (and intolerable) state of affairs. If, however, the US goal is to sustain the peninsula as "non-nuclear," then we may confront a manageable situation.

If the former, which now surely seems more likely, America's task will be overwhelming and, quite plausibly, beyond its national capabilities. If it's a rollback, will the US then sit back and allow similarly intolerable conditions to develop in Iran?

Such a development would be hastened by any obvious US weakness in Korea and could burst open the nuclear proliferation floodgates.

Americans traditionally learn so little from what happens right before their eyes. In the not-too-distant future, this unfortunate blindness could bring extraordinary harm to its allies, not only in South Korea but also in the Middle East – especially in Israel.

Any essential Israeli reprisal to an attack could begin a series of nuclear exchanges on top of two-thirds of the world's oil reserves.

WHAT EXACTLY should be done about Iran?

First, the US must act decisively on North Korea.

It must also realize that international law is not a suicide pact. Faced with Teheran's expressed intentions that are specifically genocidal – "we shall root *out and destroy the Jewish cancer in our midst*" – Israel is under no obligation to wait patiently for its own annihilation.

Like any state in our decentralized system of international security, Israel has every right to consider timely and lawful preemptive action against appropriate Iranian military targets – known in jurisprudence as the right of anticipatory self-defense.

The Iraqi nuclear reality, uncovered only after the 1991 Gulf War, confirmed the strategic and legal correctness of Israel's 1981 destruction of the French-built reactor at Osirak.

But the Osirak raid caused far lower levels of destruction than would necessarily be generated by future preemptive strikes against hardened and widely scattered bases of dangerous Middle Eastern states.

Optimally, therefore, such strikes should be led by the US when necessary. It alone may have the political and military clout to prevent regional nuclearization.

But in view of the extraordinary and incontestable belligerence of Iran towards Israel, Washington would have to act far more quickly in this matter than Israel did with Iraq.

Should Washington reject direct superpower intervention in support of anticipatory self-defense, it should certainly stand behind Israel if it were obliged to protect itself by individual preemptive action.

Such an obligation, made public, could contribute significantly to joint US-Israel nuclear deterrence. It would lower the probability of nuclear war and possibly even reverse the intolerable course of Iran's unconventional weapons development

It would, of course, be far better for Washington to take a more direct role in support of anticipatory self-defense in the Middle East. Acting in close tactical collaboration with Israel, and recognizing common concerns and past misjudgments on Iraq and North Korea, the Clinton administration could garner real influence and power.

The result would be a law-enforcing and life-saving operation, one that would express genuine commitment to non-proliferation and preempt later concerns about Iranian nuclearization.

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From Marxism to capitalism, with Pan-Arabism mixed in

ALON PINKAS

TAREK Heggy was once a Marxist, like many educated, middle-class Egyptians. Now he is the Middle East regional chairman of Shell Royal Dutch International, a Dutch-British oil empire whose annual turnover exceeds $135 billion.

Heggy is the only Egyptian on Shell's board.

In moving from Marxism, through Pan-Arabism to the ultimate apex of capitalism, Heggy has remained a concerned, involved and insightful Egyptian.

He divides his time between analyzing and offering solutions for Egypt's seemingly intractable socio-economic problems and running Shell's regional operations.

Heggy has come to view the solution to Egypt's problems, and those of most countries in the region, as inextricably tied to economic development and the rise of a skilled, science-oriented middle class.

"We always had intellectuals and thinkers," said the softly spoken Heggy in his 12th-floor suite at the Daniel Hotel in Herzliya. What we need are intellectual doers, a new breed of chief executives."

Heggy means people like himself – and he does not deny being an elitist.

Western educated, Heggy has written 11 books, starting with a critique of Marxism ("I have nothing of Marxism left in me"), to predicting the inevitable decomposition of the Soviet bloc ("It was bound to implode").

In the early 1980s he began to write extensively on Egypt's problems.

A new collection of his articles from 1985-1993, *Egypt's Contemporary Problems: Causes and Remedies*, is on the desk of President Ezer Weizman, whom Heggy met last week on his first trip here.

"I came here to understand the country, and see for myself the achievements," Heggy says. "I found Israel to be very interesting, and it strengthened my belief in late president Anwar Sadat's peace policy.

"I have met people here, such as Prof. Sasson Somech and Prof. Shimon Shamir, who are not only experts on Arab culture, literature and politics, but are intellectuals who realize the need for Israel to try and understand the Arab world."

Heggy: If Egypt falls, you Israelis, and the region as a whole, will have to contend with a second Iran on your side.

THE POST: ***One of Israel's traditional interpretations of the Arab-Israeli conflict has been that the Arab world collectively rejects Israel's right to exist for political, cultural, and theological reasons. Was that ever the case, and has it changed?***

Heggy: To an extent, it was the case during the period of Pan-Arabism, but it also had to do with Israel's reluctance to understand the Arab world and show sensitivity to it.

Israel never realized that it was part of a region, and that resulted in intellectual arrogance. Today, the Arab world is increasingly accepting Sadat's vision of integrating Israel into the region.

There is a theory, expounded among others by Fuad Ajami, that Israel's mere existence constituted a challenge to the Arab world, in that it exposed the Arabs' problems with modernity, technology, social progress and democracy. In short, it presented a complex intellectual challenge that frustrated the Arab world.

I am familiar with that argument, but again, it should be analyzed in the context of Israel's refusal to deal with the region. Now, you have flexed your economic muscles beyond your size, and you imperatively need Arab markets. You need to buy gas in Qatar and you need to export in the region.

Are Islam and democracy mutually exclusive, as Bernard Lewis contends?

Islam and democracy are not mutually exclusive. This concept is colonial and is based on a nomadic interpretation and approach to the Arab world. Lewis refers to medieval Islamic history, to Islamic theological indoctrination.

Was Christianity in the 12th century democratic? Was Germany, the country of Kant, Goethe and Schiller, civilized in dealing with Jews? Of course there is a chance for democracy in the Arab world, and it is very important that it develops. It requires a solid middle class, which requires economic development.

However, as exemplified recently in the case of Algeria, we should be careful not to provide the tools and means to destroy democracy once we install its processes and institutions.

You have written titles such as "Religious Extremism in Egypt," "The Tragedy of Education and Culture in Egypt," and "What is to be Done?" – echoing Lenin's famous pamphlet. What is to be done about Egypt's enormous problems? Are they beyond solution, as several Western economists believe?

Egypt is the most important country in the region. The Arab world has always followed Egypt's lead, whether it was Pan-Arabism or socialism. If Egypt falls, you Israelis, and the region as a whole, will have to contend with a second Iran on your side.

But that is unlikely. Our problems are soluble. We aspire to upgrade Egypt to South Korea's economic level, without repeating its – and others' – mistakes.

It will take a decade to accomplish this goal. For that we need a new breed of executives, intellectual doers who will combine vision with practical and modern managerial skills. Egyptians are a flexible, solid and tolerant people. It can be done, but the investment in infrastructure, education and training of technological and managerial cadres is a prerequisite.

How serious is the fundamentalist threat to Egypt?

Islamic fundamentalism is a threat, but not an existential one. The fundamentalists in Egypt lack the cadres and especially lack the support of the middle class.

Without both, they stand no chance. The Arabian peninsula offered Islam tribal support, but Egypt historically gave Islam its tolerance.

You are an executive of a huge multinational corporation. In the Middle East – a region still divided along national, perhaps nationalistic, ethnic and religious lines – how important are multinationals to the region's economic development?

Absolutely necessary. You need the likes of Shell, Exxon or Toshiba. They bring funds, create jobs, stimulate growth and generate income in the countries where they operate.

Most importantly, they provide the transfer of skills and knowledge. Governments, unfortunately, are incapable of creating an attractive enough environment.

This is also something the Palestinians must understand. I have met representatives here of all three types of Palestinians. The 1948 refugees, the 1967 refugees and those in the diaspora.

They all think that the West and the Arab world needs to immediately give them money. That will go, down the drain, unless the funds are allocated to those capable of planning and managing it, to the elites.

The writer is defense correspondent of The Jerusalem Post.

Washington, too, suspects Arafat

THOMAS W. LIPPMAN

WASHINGTON

THE government of Israel is not the only one learning how to live with the PLO after years of hostility. In a much lower-key manner, Washington is going through a similar adjustment.

Many members of Congress, like Cold War veterans still mistrustful of Moscow, are suspicious of Chairman Yasser Arafat and his disavowal of terrorism.

US laws banning government contact with the PLO remain on the books. Congress authorized President Bill Clinton to suspend those laws in the interests of promoting the Israel-PLO peace agreement, but required the administration to submit periodic reports on the PLO's compliance with the agreement.

When the first such report went to Capitol Hill earlier this month, some members criticized it for being overly favorable to Arafat, who they said has been less than sincere in his condemnation of terrorist attacks against Israelis.

House and Senate members separately have established monitoring committees to make sure the State Department is sufficiently vigilant in monitoring PLO activities.

Meanwhile, the Clinton administration is negotiating with the PLO over the opening of a mission here – but the Palestinians who staff it will not have diplomatic immunity because they will not officially represent a country.

At the same time, according to State Department officials, the administration is contemplating sending representatives from the US Agency for International Development to Jericho – the de facto capital of the Palestinian "entity."

They might have diplomatic status if they are accredited to the US Consulate in Jerusalem. Reports saying the Clinton administration had decided on the Jerusalem option brought a furious response from Seymour Reich, president of the American Zionist Movement.

In a letter to Clinton, Reich called the reports "astonishing and depressing."

"If the purpose is to administer American assistance to the Palestinians in Jericho, the natural logical site for such an office is Jericho," his letter said. "Why East Jerusalem? The only purpose of establishing such an office would be to buttress Palestinian claims to East Jerusalem as the capital of a future Palestinian state."

The nations – including the US – that have joined to pledge tens of millions of dollars in economic aid to the areas of Jericho and Gaza under Palestinian self-government "want to have some personnel on the ground monitoring the use of the money," an Israeli official said.

"The agreement is that those people are not going to have diplomatic status unless they are part of their embassies" or consulates in Israel proper, the official said – an arrangement that would in effect have foreign diplomats working in the Palestinian self-rule areas under Israeli protection.

The State Department's first "Compliance Report" on the extent to which the PLO has honored its obligations under the Declaration of Principles said it is "the administration's judgment that the PLO is abiding by the commitments" it undertook.

It added, however, that "the PLO should do more to condemn violence in a timely, authoritative and unambiguous fashion." And Arafat, it said, should be more careful about statements that damage his credibility as a peacemaker, such as his assertion that he would continue to wage jihad to capture Jerusalem.

MEMBERS OF the House Peace Accord Monitoring Group complained in a June 10 letter to Secretary of State Warren Christopher that the compliance report failed to hold the PLO to "a high enough standard" and that it "repeatedly seeks to limit the responsibility of Arafat and the PLO to meet their commitments."

Last week a bipartisan group of 15 senators announced the formation of their own compliance monitoring group. One of the founders, Sen. Richard Shelby, said the State Department has tended to "paper over problems," and the establishment of peace "has got to be a two-way street and the PLO has to know that."

Rita Hauser, a prominent New York lawyer and longtime advocate of Israeli-PLO accommodation, argues it is time for Congress and the State Department to stop temporizing about the status of the PLO and extend it full recognition as the precursor of an inevitable state.

"Why don't we acknowledge that the PLO has come back into the world community?" she said. "It's not for us to judge if the PLO is living up to the accords" if Israel is satisfied, she said. Hauser said the legislation banning US-PLO contacts should be repealed outright as an anachronism and a "crazy charade."

Anees Barghouti, director of the Palestine Affairs Center in Washington, agreed. "What do they know about Arafat in Congress?" he asked. "They want to be more Israeli than the Israelis. What does Shelby want Arafat to comply with? Does he want Arafat not to talk about Jerusalem?"

Barghouti had new business cards printed after the Israel-PLO agreement was signed. The overline saying "League of Arab States" was replaced by the more truthful "Palestine Liberation Organization," long known to be his office's sponsor.

But he has the same old map on his wall. It shows all of what was once British Palestine as Palestine. There is no Israel.

(Washington Post)

Iraqi expert: Saddam could share power

LONDON – Saddam Hussein could share his power rather than risk being overthrown, says an Iraqi analyst and author.

"It is a myth to think that Saddam has a fixed ideology and method of government," Saleh Abdel Jabar, author of *Civil Society and the State of Iraq 1980–92*, says in this week's issue of the London-based newsletter *Middle East Dialogue*.

"It is a pipe dream to think in terms of Saddam Hussein's power structure being on the brink of collapse," Jabar says. "The Iraqi leader must respond to demands from within the state structure for devolving power in order to stay at the top and, as a shrewd operator, he probably will."

Saddam recently fired his prime minister, Ahmed Hussein Khudayir, sparking speculation about his leadership and the durability of the current power structure.

"If rivalries become dangerous, he will devolve to ensure survival," Jabar says.

Jabar adds that people are starving in Iraq now. But "the upper bureaucratic and military class suffered nothing – if anything they have grown wealthier. This has secured support for Saddam at the heart of the security apparatus."

Report: Hizbullah beefs up in Europe

Jerusalem Post Staff

HIZBULLAH, under Iranian guidance, has put men and facilities on alert. It is reorganizing cells in Europe – especially in Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy and Holland – to prepare and execute plans for terrorist attacks against Israeli interests, a Lebanon-Paris daily said last week.

Later reports from Western security services confirmed the story published in *Al-Watan al-Arabi* on June 17 that the foreign operations department of Hizbullah is planning attacks on Israeli and Western institutions in several European countries. The department is headed by Hamad Ma'aniyeh, who lives in Teheran and holds an Iranian passport.

The report said a timetable for the campaign had been drawn up by Iran's external intelligence organization (Atla'at) under the supervision of minister Ali Falahian.

Al-Watan al-Arabi said it had information that a unit from Hizbullah's foreign operations division had left Beirut for Teheran, under the auspices of the Iranian Embassy in Lebanon, for a meeting with the chief coordinator for "overseas Hizbullah operations." The unit then left for Germany to join another already sent there, the newspaper said.

The newspaper said Hizbullah cells would link up with Algerian fundamentalists in Germany which, it added, were led by an Algerian named "H. Djilani" and a fundamentalist Tunisian unit led by an "M. Younes."

Al-Watan al-Arabi said the new campaign would include attempted assassinations of Israeli and American diplomats, suicide operations against their embassies and legations, and the taking of hostages.

Citing a secret report from a Western embassy in Beirut, the newspaper said fundamentalists would attempt to hijack planes carrying diplomats with the assistance of international terrorists such as the Japanese Red Army.

It said Western security sources were reporting that Teheran had sent for the legendary terrorist Carlos – Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, known as The Jackal – "from his place of residence in Finland." He would be asked to coordinate activities in exchange for financial and other help for a European terrorist unit led by an associate, it added.

Algerian premier in France to seek help for his country

PARIS – Algerian Prime Minister Mokdad Sifi is to meet French officials in Paris this week to discuss his country's ailing economy and internal strife.

Sifi will meet President Francois Mitterrand today and Foreign Minister Alain Juppe tomorrow, Foreign Ministry spokesman Richard Duque said.

The Algerian leader will arrive from Brussels, where he is scheduled to meet Belgian Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene and European Commission President Jacques Delors today.

A team of commission officials visited Algiers last week to open exploratory talks with Algerian authorities on a possible partnership agreement with the EU, similar to accords currently being negotiated with Morocco and Tunisia.

European Union officials say the EU's 12 members are divided on the usefulness of extensive new aid to Algeria before there is firmer evidence that reforms there are working.

France and the commission are keen to press on with initiatives that will encourage moderate Algerians.

Moderates in Algeria face the risk of destabilization posed by widespread violence and conflict between Islamic militants and the country's rulers.

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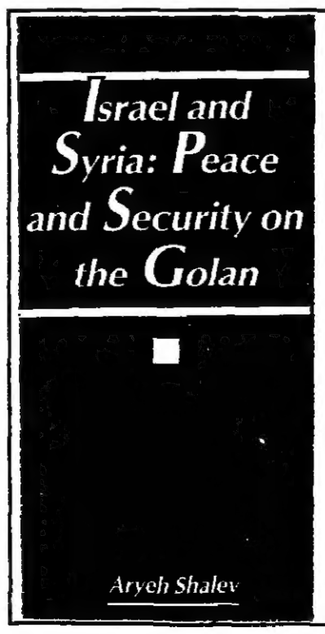

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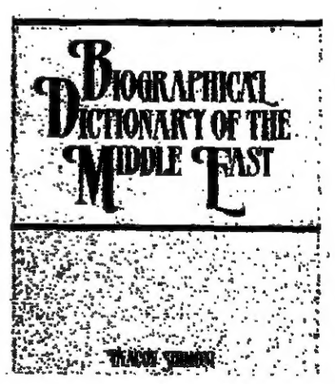

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The coalition maneuver

CYNICS will undoubtedly say Labor's overtures to the Yi'ud faction are nothing but a stratagem, a way of pressuring the recalcitrant Shas party into rejoining the government coalition. Indeed, whenever negotiations with Shas reach an impasse, hints of talks with other parties fill the air. But this time the political climate is more conducive to change, and chances are that for the first time since he became prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin may alter the government's composition.

One reason, in part, for the change is that Shas may be truly reluctant to join a government which cannot deliver on its promises to retain the religious status quo. Even if both Labor and Meretz agree to yield to every Shas demand, rulings of the High Court of Justice will render such agreement hollow. Ultimately, Shas may let material considerations take precedence over principles and return to the coalition. But this will probably not diminish Rabin's eagerness to draw a few hawkish Knesset members to his government.

The reason for this eagerness is that Rabin must realize that the rumblings in his own party against the super-dovishness of his policies are a reflection of a general unease. An ardent opinion-poll follower, he is acutely aware of polls showing a majority distrusting his ability to negotiate, and an even larger majority opposed to any further concessions.

That a government facing momentous decisions on war or peace must strive for a broad consensus is a given. This is not only to forestall domestic strife, nor just to present a unified front in the negotiations. A peace agreement achieved against the will of a large part of the population, let alone a majority, has little chance of surviving. That is why a national unity government, for all its drawbacks, would have been better equipped to reach a lasting agreement with the Palestinians.

The addition of the three Yi'ud members to the coalition will not give Rabin the kind of breadth he wants and needs. All three are political nonentities elected on Rafael Eitan's coattails, whose Tsomet party they bolted. But if the three insist on their conditions for joining the coalition – maintaining a contiguity of Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria and ensuring their security, preventing the establishment of a Palestinian state and the realization of the Palestinian "right of return," retaining Jerusalem as a united city under Israeli sovereignty, and submitting major decisions on withdrawal to a referendum or elections – and if Rabin accepts these conditions, a clear message will be conveyed to both Israelis and Arabs.

The public reaction to Yi'ud's joining the coalition will depend, then, on the way it is perceived. If it appears as nothing but an opportunistic step into a minister's seat by Yi'ud leader MK Gonen Segev, it will do little to restore public confidence in the government. But if it is viewed as a move signifying a reassessment of government policies, it will give the Rabin government a much-needed, timely boost.

The bomb, stupid

SEND a well-meaning Western democrat to see a nasty dictator and the chances are his first comment will not be "Oh, what a nasty dictator" but "What a charming man, how well informed, how pragmatic." True, diplomacy has its conventions, but the effusions of former president Jimmy Carter after his meetings with North Korea's Kim Il Sung have strained the credulity of even the most gullible optimists.

Carter informed us that the nasty little Stalinist megalomaniac, otherwise known as the Great Leader and father of the Dear Leader, is extremely well-informed on world affairs and has an amazing grasp of the scientific intricacies of nuclear engineering. If the world is supposed to gasp in awe and reassess Western policy on the Korean peninsula crisis because it is revealed to be in the hands of this brilliant mind, one can only hope the world is not as gullible as Carter.

Carter's first blunder was to tell Kim on camera at the weekend that the United States would suspend moves towards UN sanctions as a result of the conciliatory noises made by the Great Leader. President Bill Clinton is to be commended for his swift retort that he alone is in charge of US policy and no such concession will be forthcoming without concrete actions from Pyongyang to comply with international law.

What Carter seems to have forgotten is that this crisis is a carefully contrived fabrication by North Korea. The worst critics of the US and South Korea would not be able to find the slightest excuse to blame them for the dangerous standoff. North Korea was perfectly free to remain outside the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, as many countries have done. But having signed, it took on serious multilateral obligations under international law and was no longer free to pick and choose which provisions it would observe.

Nor, as *The New York Times* has reminded its readers, should we forget that this is still the same Kim Il Sung who bet that a gullible Harry Truman would not enter a "domestic" war when Kim sent his troops across the border in 1950 to start the Korean War. Another 44 years of great leadership by this brilliant mind has given North Korea empty food stores, a trickle of shoddy goods to export, and a mountain of unpaid bills owed to the West, the former Soviet states and the Asians.

Is another Korean war with the possibility of a nuclear exchange what this decrepit state really needs? Maybe Kim thinks, as he did with Truman, that Clinton is a dithering softie who can be blackmailed up to the brink or beyond. It must be made perfectly clear to him that he is making an even more dangerous miscalculation. Unfortunately, rather than boosting his president, Carter seems to have done no more than reinforce Kim's delusions that there is a game to be played. Clinton should tell Carter to stop gasping at Kim's grasp of nuclear technology. It's the bomb, stupid!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE THREAT OF DISBELIEF

Sir, – The radio report of the mass exodus of Israelis leaving Ben-Gurion Airport for Turkey and Cyprus on the eve of the holiday celebrating the giving of the Tora to the Jewish people is symbolic. It is a reflection of how far those who are traveling have distanced themselves from a living and vibrant Judaism. That sad conclusion has far-reaching implications for the existence of a Jewish State in Israel.

In many important respects, the present leadership of our nation has an attitude towards Judaism no different from those departing Israelis. Some of this government's leaders may call themselves "Masorati," which translated into what they actually mean, is that they pick and choose among what they consider "customs," those which their fancy or nostalgia may select.

We are not talking about the need for more religious adherents here. We are talking about self-hating Jews, and the new Hellenists and Canaanites, whose pleasure seeking and barren beliefs have them attack the lovers of this land, the idealism of our religious youth, and the believers in the God of Israel. They are turning everything upside down. The traditional believers are mocked and held up to ridicule. Those who are strangely linked to the revelations of Sinai are deemed fanatics.

Fortunately, the skeptics and disbelievers do not represent a majority of the Jewish people in Israel. However, all of us who care about living in an Israel which has meaningful Jewish content must be eternally vigilant; otherwise this barren minority on the left will lead us to, at best, a Jewish State in name only, without any meaningful content.

MICHAEL MATAR

KOWTOWING TO OUR ENEMIES

Sir, – Unlike poor "frustrated Peter Gabriel" (June 16), many of us old hands here in the Middle East were not in the least surprised by the unreliable and contemptuous attitude shown this pop celebrity by our Egyptian neighbor. Although Gabriel, by his own admission, has diligently served the anti-Israel cause by complying with the Arab League's boycott of this country, to them he remains a symbol of western immorality and decadence, an object to be exploited until such time as his usefulness runs out. Once that occurs, he can be discarded and rejected, as has now happened.

As for Israel, it really is about time we showed some pride and gumption. Those entertainers who, like Gabriel, have succumbed to Arab propaganda and boycotted us or worse, who have supported and encouraged terrorist actions against Israeli/Jewish civilians (such as the infamous Vanessa Redgrave, who is to Palestinian Nazism what Unity Mitford and her sister-in-crime Diana Moseley were to German Nazism in the 30s) should be treated to a taste of their own medicine and boycotted by us in turn. Certainly there are enough great entertainers who remained loyal to our cause in spite of massive Arab and leftist pressure, on whom to spend our hard-earned shekels, instead of all this kowtowing to our enemies and their collaborators.

TRUDY GEFEN

Kiryat Ono.

SNEAKING SUSPICION

Sir, – Among the many American Jews who hope Rabin and Peres are right but fear they are wrong about the PLO, is aborning the sneaking suspicion that the Labor government has undertaken a diabolical plot, one of enormous wit. Specifically, what if they are thinking: So give them back Gaza and throw in Jericho, and use the opening to build ties to the Moslem world – Morocco, Kuwait, Oman, and the rest? Then, when the PLO screws up – which the world now sees they do – just let them stew, postage stamps, flags and all. So maybe this is an end-run toward the goal of achieving normalization with most of the Moslem world, if not Iran, Iraq, and Sudan, and concomitantly, discrediting and isolating the PLO. And so too with Syria: offer the Golan and call their bluff.

The only way the Israeli government's alliance with the PLO – jihad for Jerusalem and all! – is to be explained in any rational universe leads to the argument from such perverse, but brilliant, cynicism. Of such straws we try to weave our cloak of optimism.

JACOB NEUSNER

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"YENTL"

Sir, – In *Time Out's* article of June 10 on Tovah Feldshuh, you write that *Yentl* is the play based on the story of a woman who disguises herself as a yeshiva student to be with the man she loves. Yentl disguises herself in order to continue the Talmud studies she so loves. Streisand made the movie because it is so anti-stereotype. Yentl met the man later and, in fact, decided to stay with her studies and give up the man.

Kiryat Haim. *SHERI OZ*

The Israel experience

JONATHAN SACKS

PRESIDENT Weizman's conference of Jewish leaders, which begins today, comes at a rare moment of opportunity. The relationship between Israel and the rest of the Jewish world is being redefined.

This week, we could be witnessing the birth of a new Zionism. If it doesn't happen, we will see a new isolationism in which Israel and the diaspora focus on their own internal problems, charting courses that will set them increasingly far apart.

The Jewish world has changed. It is 100 years since Herzl was converted to Zionism and wrote *Der Judenstaat*. Since then, Jews have passed through two of the most epic events of our history: the shattering tragedy of the Holocaust and the birth of the State of Israel. Astonishingly, though, our thinking remains locked in the 1890s. We have not adjusted to change.

Israel meant many things to the early Zionists. Remarkable visions accompanied the movement in its formative years. It was a veritable gallery of conflicting utopias: religious, secular, political and cultural. But one theme dominated. Israel was the place, the only place, where Jews could survive.

One after another of Zionism's most impassioned voices – first Moses Hess, then Leon Pinsker, then Theodor Herzl himself – saw Israel as the refuge against the gathering storm of antisemitism. They were right. They foresaw with nightmarish clarity what eventually exploded into the Shoah. The world was too unsafe for Jews to lack a home.

But the Jewish agenda has moved on. Today Israel is struggling with the peace process and its implications. Diaspora communities are facing an unprecedented crisis of intermarriage and disaffiliation. Both Jewries could now turn inward. The result would be a parting of the ways between Israel and the rest of the Jewish world.

A new vision is now needed – and it exists. The problem now facing Jewry in America, Britain and elsewhere is not physical survival, but Jewish continuity. The question most frequently asked is, "Will we have Jewish grandchildren?"

We have a Jewish State. Now we must focus on the state of the Jews both inside and outside it

Israel is a critical part of the answer; not as the place for which we write checks, but as the place to which we send our children to learn what it is to be a Jew.

THE PROBLEM of Jewish identity in the Diaspora is this. For those who do not lead wholly segregated lives, Jewishness is only one component of experience. It is felt at home and in the synagogue, and even then briefly and intermittently. Only in Israel can we speak Hebrew as a living language, enter the landscape of our origins and encounter the Jewish people in its full expression as a sovereign nation. Israel is the most powerful tutorial in Jewish identity today.

For half a century, the Diaspora has seen Israel as a refuge, and has supported it accordingly. From here on, it must see it as Jewry's central educational resource, and the nature of its support must change.

To put it simply: a million dollars spent on a community center in the Diaspora benefits the Diaspora, not Israel. A million dollars spent on programs in Israel for young Jews from the Diaspora benefits both. For both, it is the best possible investment in the future.

The Diaspora must continue to send funds to Israel. But these must be directed to programs and experiences which have a direct impact on young Jews in the Diaspora. The Israel experience must be at the core of a new Israel-Diaspora partnership.

There will be strong opposition to such a change. Within Israel there are those who believe in negation of the Diaspora. Jewish communities outside Israel are destined for oblivion, they feel. Giving them a new lease on life will merely prolong their demise.

Outside Israel, there are those who believe that the best thing that can happen to the Diaspora is for it to downgrade its links with Israel and concentrate on itself.

These views are mistaken. Young Diaspora Jews who spend significant time in Israel are both more likely to make aliya or, if they don't, to become active leaders in their own communities. Diaspora Jews whose Jewish identity is weak are less likely to support Israel and more likely to marry out.

If Israel and the Diaspora work together on Jewish continuity, both sides gain. If they do not, both sides lose. But to see this and act on it will take vision and courage.

A profound change must now take place. The early immigrants used the phrase *livnot ulehibanot*, to "build and be built" by the land. For 46 years, the Diaspora has used its funds to build the land. It must now use them to ensure that its children are built by it.

The challenge of survival was to create a Jewish State. The challenge of continuity is to revitalize the state of Jews.

The writer is chief rabbi of the Commonwealth.

Fear of me

MARK S. GOULSTON

I went by O.J. Simpson's house to watch the "tabloid mania." What a zoo. What an intrusion on personal suffering. What a voyeuristic, prurient feeding frenzy.

So why did I do it? Is being a voyeur of the voyeurs any less voyeuristic? I like to see myself as above prurience and in control of my more base instincts. But the truth is that I am drawn to such tabloid scenes, as are so many millions of us, to get some vicarious excitement and for something more important.

Voyeurism helps us cope as much as it excites us. It does this in a two-step fashion. First we make an emotional connection to the event to experience a vicarious catharsis and relief. Then we find a way to disclaim our connection to the experience in order to reassure ourselves that it won't happen to us.

Most of these dramas have horrifying and terrifying components. Most of us have known horror and terror in our own lives and have usually endured it alone. But when we and others are now drawn to the same scene, we all get to feel vulnerability together. And as the aloneness lessens, we feel relieved.

In the Simpson case, our identification is with our own fear of losing control or becoming vulnerable to another who might lose control.

We are mesmerized by the O.J. Simpson case because it helps us cope with the demons inside us

We become frighteningly aware of our potential to explode when the pressures from the outside world, from inside our families and inside our minds, override all of our control mechanisms. The agitation builds and compels us to precipitous action that defies judgment and ignores consequences.

When I've asked most men I know who initiated a divorce, "What was the last straw?" they may mention incompatibility of values, poor communication or even not enough sex. But finally, what it comes down to for many men is feeling the possibility of violence toward someone they were pledged to protect from harm.

WHEN A man feels cornered from all sides and there is no outlet, his choices seem simple: go crazy, kill the offending agents or kill yourself. In the most tragic cases we see all three.

One of the ways we cope with these demons inside us is to be voyeuristically drawn to inhuman acts of humans toward each other. We are able to identify with the victim, the victimizer, the rage and the outrage without it happening to us directly. It's like going to a bloody movie where we are drawn to the violence for cathartic identification and then feel the relief that it was just make-believe.

We also look for some disclaimer to reassure ourselves that we are not the same as the participants. We'll look for alcohol if we are not drinkers, for guns if we don't own one, for a different ethnic background, for divorce if we are married, for marriage if we are divorced or some other explanation to reassure ourselves that we are sufficiently unlike these people to have it happen to us.

But the more someone could be like us, or as in this case, someone we want to be, the less we are able to disclaim our similarity, the more compelling and disturbing it becomes. Because voyeurism fails when we can't distance and reassure ourselves, people resorted to denial, cheering his freeway flight like he was an underdog hero running for the goal line.

Women are immune to this sort of voyeurism, though it is usually directed differently. Many mothers are riveted to stories about child abuse because they know inside how close they feel they are to abusing when a child won't stop crying or nagging or misbehaving.

Women also want to feel that identification and that relief from aloneness when they are struggling with impulses that threaten to overwhelm them. So they eagerly read these tabloid stories to identify, relate, resonate and then find a disclaimer to reassure themselves. "Oh, that mother was poor (or newly immigrant or abused). That's not me. I won't act on it. I'm safe. My children are safe."

In truth, none of us is in as much danger as we fear, but none of us is as safe as we'd like.

The real answer is in confronting the bad situations in our lives and finding resolution. But for many of us, coping through voyeurism can offer temporary relief through cathartic identification and reassurance that since we're different, it won't happen to us.

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(Los Angeles Times)

The public's right to know

YOEL COHEN

ON the eve of the withdrawal from Jericho, OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran announced that journalists would not be allowed to cover the event.

Their very presence could lead to violence and their safety would be difficult to ensure.

(In Gaza, Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilnay maintained free access for reporters, though the security risk is much greater there.)

The Foreign Press Association petitioned the High Court of Justice, claiming that Biran's decision violated the principle of freedom of the press. It turned down a compromise offer that would have allowed corespondents to cover the events with an army escort. The High Court ordered the IDF to lift the ban.

By contrast, when the FPA petitioned the High Court to reverse the IDF's decision banning media coverage of the Yamit withdrawal just over a decade ago, the court ruled in favor of the IDF, saying that the evacuation was an event of particular complexity. The IDF did agree to a pool of 16 foreign and 16 Israeli reporters at Yamit.

In both the Yamit and Jericho cases, the judicial system failed to differentiate between the rights of foreign and local newsmen.

But there is a difference. A democratic government has an obligation to keep its own media and public informed. Its relationship to the foreign media, however, is one of self-interest – to project governmental policy and society at large.

This difference was succinctly put in 1983 by the army spokesman, Ya'acov Even, who told the *IDF Journal*: "The IDF gives journalists access to the theater of hostilities because of the public's right to know what is happening. This privilege does not extend to the same degree to foreign newsmen, because my responsibility is to the Israelis."

Logistically, it is much easier to provide access to Israeli reporters. Counting one representative from each of the major news organizations, the total number of Israeli reporters involved can be as low as 15. This contrasts with the foreign media, which have over 250 news organizations represented here.

Local reporters should receive preferential treatment over foreign correspondents

Ironically, the outcome of the Biran press ban was that foreign correspondents gained access to Jericho – while the Israeli media, which did not turn to the courts, were denied formal access.

THE ARGUMENT that the presence of Israeli media might have made the withdrawal from Jericho more difficult cannot be justified in democratic terms.

Even if there is justification for a ban on the presence of the Israeli media on security grounds, surely it should have been limited to TV camera crews, whose equipment is clearly visible. Newspaper and news agency reporters usually bear no such identifying marks.

A coherent approach to media access is needed.

For example, the 1989 Gazit Commission into the IDF Spokesman's Unit, in questioning the practicability of limiting reporters' access to an area of conflict, argued that in an open society the information will leak out anyway, and that the IDF has an interest in getting its views on record. The commission saw IDF – media relations as information-oriented, and did not point to any ethical obligation to keep the public informed.

This contrasts with the Sidle Commission, the US Joint Chiefs of Staff inquiry on media – military relations established after the 1983 US military operation on Grenada. During the first 72 hours, journalists' access was limited.

The report's opening sentence reads: "The American people must be informed about US military operations, and the information can best be provided through both the news media and the government."

The Jericho press ban could set a dangerous precedent for military – media relations in future stages of Israel's withdrawal from the territories, or related events, such as Arafat's forthcoming visit to Jericho.

In addition to the historic significance of the withdrawal, ending 27 years of Israeli rule, it is of paramount importance that the Israeli citizen be informed about the Palestinians' effectiveness in running their own affairs during the interim autonomy period. This will certainly influence Israeli thinking during negotiations for a final settlement.

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Women fight uphill battle in bid to become pilots

These young women's passion – to control the sky – is driving them to buck a system bent on keeping them out of the cockpit, **Emily Bazelon** writes

Ayelet Carasso: I'm crazy about flying. The idea of being in control of the sky thrills me. (Sarit Uziely)

Dana Rotem: Prepared to do 30 years of reserve duty. (Jeremy Feldman)

AYELET Carasso hung pictures of IDF fighter pilots on the walls of her room at the age of 12. As her draft date neared this year, she began petitioning the army to be considered for training as a fighter pilot.

"I'm crazy about flying," said Carasso, a Jerusalem resident who is now 17. "The idea of being in control of the sky thrills me. And I want to contribute as much as I can to my country."

The image of the IAF fighter pilot – who is perceived at home and abroad as embodying strength, grit and expertise – has always been exclusively male.

Only one woman, Yael Finkelstein Rom during the 1948 War of Independence, has ever flown in combat here. None of the eight women accepted experimentally into a 1979 fighter-pilot course completed it.

Lifting the ban on female pilots has remained controversial because it means opening the door to combat service, the heart of IDF operations.

Contrary to popular myth, the IDF has discouraged women from combat positions since its inception. During the War of Independence, women were trained in combat but served only in defensive units, with very few exceptions. Battlefield positions have been officially off-limits to women since the early 1950s.

At present, 3.7 percent of female soldiers serve in field positions and 69 percent in clerical and service positions. (Comparable figures for male soldiers are not available for security reasons.)

Advocates for change argue that IDF policy is based on tradition rather than fact-based logic, and that the time has come to place recruits according to skill and ability rather than gender – a view shared by Brig.-Gen Yehudit Ben Atam, head of the Women's Corps.

Careful to present her comments as personal opinion, Ben Atam points out that research has turned up no evidence that women could not serve effectively in combat positions for which they volunteer.

Yet she also believes the would-be female pilots are fighting an uphill battle. "I don't think the situation now will allow for a significant breakthrough," says Ben Atam.

In 1985, the IDF was expanding, needed more soldiers and realized that more technical positions were needed, which led to a breakthrough: the army opened all non-assault positions to women, including those that involved supervising men's training for battle.

But in the past two years, budget pressures due to large numbers of draftees have led to a cut in women's mandatory service from 22 to 20 months. The surplus of male and female recruits, Ben Atam believes, makes it unlikely that more positions will open to female soldiers. She adds that the very small number of would-be female pilots, so far only a handful, increases the odds against them.

The young women counter that their ranks will swell as more people become aware of their efforts. They know that numbers could result in eventual victory. "The army has no problem with taking one woman or a small group and failing them, but if we could get 10 or 12 people together, there would have to be some rate of success," says Ariela Verner, one of the women accepted to the pilot training course in 1979. Verner believes the conditions of her own training course made passing impossible.

"They pushed me out by not giving me the training I needed," Verner says.

Despite the obstacles of history and policy, the prospective women cadets see as natural their desire to place themselves in the center of the Zionist ideal of strength and self-reliance by donning the pilot's uniform.

"When I was younger, I was sure I could combine my love of flight with my love of Israel by being a pilot in the IDF," says Alice Miller, 21, of Haifa, whose family immigrated here from South Africa when she was six. "I still can't think of any good reason why that's not the case."

Miller has charted her life's course according to her ambition. She holds a private pilot's license from South Africa and has chosen to defer her IDF service until after she receives a degree in aeronautic engineering from Haifa University next winter, all to strengthen her case for acceptance into the pilot-training course.

When the IDF rejected her request in February, Miller filed an as-yet-unanswered appeal on the grounds that the army had failed to consider her qualifications. If the army denies the appeal, as expected, lawyers from the Israel Women's Network and the Association of Civil Rights in Israel plan to take Miller's case to the High Court of Justice.

Miller and her fellow pilot hopefuls share certain attitudes, principal among them a long-held passion for flight. All cite support from family and friends, examples of gender equality set at home and a deeply ingrained conviction that they should fight for their principles.

Despite the assumptions of friends and relatives that their flight lust would pass, the desire has only deepened. As did like-minded brothers and male friends, they saved up for flying lessons and came down eager to return to the sky.

The young women say they are not motivated by the potential professional openings for some of the army's elite in government and business. Nor do most of them define themselves as feminists.

"Very much not," says Dana Rotem, 18, of Ra'anana. "I believe women are capable of doing what they want to do, more or less. I think it's important to remember that with rights come obligations."

The young women tie their own demands to obligation, saying that in return for the right to fly they are ready to serve the full seven years, do the many years of reserve duty required of most men and plan pregnancies around army timetables.

The general rule of releasing women from reserve service, they say, should not prevent them from volunteering for combat roles. Nor do they accept the argument that women cannot fight in wars because they could be taken prisoner and raped. "The possibility of being captured, as awful as it is, is the same for men and women," says Carasso. "It is a choice that everyone must carefully consider."

Some hope for an eventual shift toward making both length of service and choice of positions the same for men and women – a move that most women might well oppose. Even the feminist Israel Women's Network, which will soon hold discussions on how to improve women's IDF experience, has so far refrained from taking a position on the issue.

However, research on gender discrimination in Israeli society shows the consequences of not equalizing army opportunities. Studies have linked fewer opportunities for women in the army to the slim figure – 13 percent – of female-held managerial and administrative positions in the civilian sector.

"Women's advancement has suffered systematically from the army," says MK Naomi Hazan. "The trouble is that there is an ex-army hierarchy that moves into the top echelons of civilian life. Women are totally excluded from it. The impact is most visible in politics and business."

Advocates of change are also concerned about the effect the IDF stance on women has on societal attitudes and values. "Service is the last step in the socialization of our young people," says Galia Golan, a political science professor at the Hebrew University who helped found the Israel Women's Network.

"Currently it winds up reinforcing the stereotypes of women as auxiliary and subordinate, and men as brave and important."

Golan wants to improve the nature of women's service by increasing the money spent on female soldiers and moving more of them into skills-based field positions, even if this means requiring them to serve longer. She also wants more older women to serve in the reserves in order to redress the dearth of female IDF role models, and herself volunteers as an IDF lecturer on Soviet policy.

Ben Atam disputes the claim that the IDF is selling its female soldiers short. "Women come out with the very best tools that the army knows how to give them," says Ben Atam. "They learn the same lessons about the importance of teamwork and responsibility that men do."

She points to the wide range of positions held by women, including supervisory training, intelligence and technical field work as evidence that the army offers ample opportunity for women who push themselves.

Ben Atam says she wishes more female soldiers would undertake the technical work open to them. "It is true that society see the combat soldier as the most important," she says, "but Israel is the only country in the world with mandatory service for women, and there is a wide variety of positions open to them."

Carasso, Rotem and Miller have all applied for technical positions in case they do not become pilots. However, technical jobs will not necessarily bring them satisfaction.

"It's quite sad, really," says Miller, shrugging ruefully. "Whatever else the army comes up with for me will be a compromise. My dream is to fly, and I want very much to succeed."

Launching a successful assault on a male bastion

ON a hot summer's day at the Shivta artillery training base in the Negev, a female soldier bends over the computer controls of an artillery piece pointed into the desert.

She issues instructions to the eight male soldiers clustered around her. They set the controls, and she gives the signal. A moment later, the crack of the gun echoes across the firing range and a white plume of smoke rises from the target in the distance.

A few yards away, other women take their groups through the paces of establishing trajectory and accuracy measurements at surrounding control stations.

For nearly a decade, women soldiers have been instructing male trainees at Shivta. The base continues to be one of the few IDF training centers where women are responsible for providing both technical instruction and sunrise to lights-out supervision of their charges.

Operations revolve around a three-month preparatory course for male soldiers on their way to artillery units. The male and female instructors and commanders go through an intensive three-month course of their own in both specialized technical skills and leadership training.

"Getting this was like giving birth," says Cpl. Galit Steren, 19, fingering the green braid and tassel that loops through the epaulet on her shoulder. "Your day [during the course] starts at 6 a.m. and ends at 11 p.m., and you're always hurrying. In the beginning, you're in shock from the pressure."

The men who complete the course put their training into practice by serving in combat units, but the women's field experience is limited to visiting Golan artillery sites to observe the tasks their future trainees will later perform.

Instead of combat experience, women receive extra training in areas of technical expertise. "The women contribute a lot because they complement the men's field experience with strong technical training," says Maj. Shimi Luz, deputy commander of Shivta.

Like their male counterparts, female commanders handle the personal needs of their trainees and accompany them throughout the day. They are often subjected to special scrutiny by their units. "In the beginning of the course, the male soldiers have a problem with me," says Lt. Tamar Pertzov, 20, an officer who now oversees the course she formerly instructed. "They assume I won't know enough, because I haven't been in the field."

Pertzov has found that as the course goes on, her trainees come to value her technical skills. But she can't be a role model. "They want to identify with the men who have been in combat and talk to them about that experience. With us, it's different," she says.

The female commanders opted for the hard work and isolated setting of Shivta for a variety of reasons. Many had friends at the base who encouraged them, or experience in youth movement leadership. Others came from communities in which women serving as field trainers is the norm rather than the exception. All spoke of wanting to learn as much as possible during their time in the army.

After several months at the base, the women say they are satisfied with their choice, and with the work they have done. "Artillery is a very feminist unit," says Pertzov, who plans to study architecture when her service ends. "We see what the army really is. Doing the same work that the men do and the experience of instructing give you self-confidence. I've found out what I'm capable of."

Pertzov does not see her job at Shivta as out of the ordinary, and laughs about the surprise voiced by people outside the base who learn of her responsibilities. She performs on the same level as her male counterparts, but like most women at Shivta, she does not take her success to mean that women should be allowed to serve in artillery field units.

"I think I could be a really good field officer," says Pertzov, "but I accept that combat is closed to us. The most important thing is what the army needs, and we need to adapt ourselves to fit into that framework. In a sense, it's easier knowing the limits, because then I don't have to feel less capable if I can't do something."

A few of Shivta's female commanders are not convinced. "The idea of women not fighting is something we accept because we're used to it," says Cpl. Reut Ron, 19. "I think the differences exist, because the army created them."

Whatever implications they draw from their experience, the female instructors and commanders at Shivta have beaten a well-worn path to normalcy.

Why is artillery one of the only branches of the IDF to place women in positions of authority? Luz shrugs and says, "There are other branches of the army where women could be commanders, like the armor and communications corps, but they don't do it. It's a matter of chauvinism.

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Tadiran wins IDF tender

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TADIRAN'S communication systems division yesterday announced it has won an IDF tender for more than $30 million for development and supply of communications systems.

The company said the project strengthens its position as the IDF's leading supplier of communications systems and as one of the leading manufactures of communications systems worldwide.

Tadiran said the IDF intends to use the systems for battlefield communications.

The company said the winning of the tender is due to many years of developing equipment for the defense system and foreign customers.

It refused to supply additional information on the system.

Tadiran's communications group produces lines of military communications equipment and systems.

Several months ago, the group signed an initial contract to supply its VRC 120 tactical military radio to an unidentified South American country, which is upgrading its tank communication system.

Finance committee okays NIS 750m. in government guarantees for housing

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset finance committee yesterday approved NIS 750 million in government guarantees for residential construction, as part of a Housing Ministry plan to encourage building in the center of the country and thereby lower prices.

The guarantees are meant to enable the banks to extend more credit to contractors without increasing their risk. This in turn will allow contractors to begin more units without putting up additional capital.

The NIS 750m. is meant to cover some 40,000 units, which will cost some NIS 15 billion to build. Any contractor who starts work between June 1, 1994 and September 30, 1995 will be eligible for the guaranteed loans, on condition that he finishes building within four years of the starting date.

The government's share of the risk on each loan will be 80 percent for the first 5% of the loan, 60% for the next 5%, 40% of the following 5%, 20% for the next 5% and 0% after that. Its total risk, therefore, will not exceed 10% of the loan.

The guarantees were generally supported by coalition MKs, but some of the opposition members expressed reservations. Ariel Weinstein (Likud) said the entire plan was doomed to failure unless the government permits the free import of foreign workers, since no amount of financing will get construction done on time if there aren't people to do the work.

Weinstein also argued it is unnecessary to provide guarantees for apartments in the center of the country, since in practice such apartments are snapped up like hotcakes.

In related news, committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) and MK Dan Tichon (Likud) yesterday lashed out at the ministry for providing the committee with only part of the information it had requested, and even that at a very late date.

In particular, the ministry has still not given the committee data on its allocations to public institutions. Ministry director-general Arye Mizrahi promised to provide this data within a week.

Tichon also asked Mizrahi about a press report charging that the ministry had used advertising accounts in a stick-and-carrot fashion – threatening to withdraw ads if a certain article is published, or offering to buy additional ads if it isn't published.

Mizrahi vehemently denied the report, but Gal asked that the ministry give the committee data on its advertising budget – both at the beginning of the year and currently – so that it could look into the matter itself.

Mizrahi restructures credit network

GALIT LIPKIS

UNITED Mizrahi Bank yesterday announced it has restructured its credit network into business and general credit divisions.

Mizrahi credit manager Shmuel Messeberg will be responsible for the two divisions.

Avi Nota, who recently joined Mizrahi, was appointed head of the general credit division, which handles issues related to households, credit cards and credit to special sectors of the population.

The bank's decision to separate the general division was made in the framework of the bank's policy to expand its credit to households, which is considered a good source of income – mainly from customers' payment of nominal interest rates on debt and commissions.

Mali Baron was appointed to take charge of the bank's business credit division, which handles large customers from a diverse range of economic fields. The division will also operate a small business fund.

Mizrahi is the only local bank with separates divisions for its business and household credit activities.

Bank Hapoalim's and Bank Leumi's credit divisions are divided according to economic sectors.

In other news, Mizrahi announced it is opening a new branch in Hod Hasharon today. It will be managed by Tuvia Shapira.

Electric Corp. invests NIS 30m. in third crane for unloading coal

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Israel Electric Corporation yesterday announced it has invested NIS 30 million for a third crane to unload coal at the Hadera power station.

The new crane, designed by the German Vulkan Kocks and built by Israel Shipyards, can unload 1,500 tons of coal per hour.

The company's two other cranes can unload about 1,200 tons per hour.

The company said the new crane was purchased in preparation for the opening of the Electric Corp.'s second coal plant in Hadera.

More than three million tons of coal are unloaded at Hadera's port each year for the power plant.

The addition of the third crane will increase the quantity unloaded to six million tons of coal annually.

In another development, the Electric Corp.'s tender committee reported that Orlite has won its international tender to supply polyester cabinets.

The cabinets will be used to connect customers to outside electricity networks.

Orlite, which competed against six local companies in the tender, will supply the cabinets over a two-year period.

The committee said Orlite will supply the crates at a cost approximately 20% lower than the price the company has had to pay until now.

The committee also decided to start negotiations with Eloo and Feuchtwanger over the supply of electricity pressure contact breakers and operation systems.

Committee approves bill permitting class-action suits

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset economics committee yesterday approved a bill permitting either consumer organizations or individual consumers to file class-action suits.

The bill, prepared by the Industry and Trade Ministry, will now be sent to the plenum for its second and third readings.

Currently, the only class-action suits allowed are those by shareholders against their company.

According to the bill, a suit cannot automatically be defined as class-action; the court in which it is filed must approve it as such. The court must also define the group to which the suit applies.

However, the committee vetoed a clause originally included in the bill, which stated that the court could only approve a class-action suit if it thought the suit had a reasonable chance of succeeding.

The main issue which the committee still hasn't resolved is whether the new law should also apply to banks and insurance companies, which are not bound by the Consumer Protection Law.

Although a majority of the committee appears to support such a move, it wants to hear what the banks and insurance companies have to say first. It will therefore have another meeting on this issue on July 5, after which the entire bill – with or without this clause – will be brought to the plenum for its final reading.

Hanegbi: Backs expansion of bill to include banks and insurance companies. (Joel Fishman)

Committee chairman Tzahi Hanegbi strongly supported expanding the bill in this way.

"If we don't include these two important areas of consumer activity," he said, "we will not have encompassed all the principal areas of the economy, and we will thereby be doing a disservice to the consumers."

However, deputy Industry and Trade Minister Masha Lubelsky warned that including this change might lead to the entire bill being defeated in the plenum.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Ares Serono increases share in InterPharm to 87.7%: Ares Serono bought 709,869 outstanding ordinary shares in InterPharm to increase its shares in the subsidiary to 87.7 percent from 76.3%. "We are very pleased with the results of the tender offer," said Ares Serono deputy CEO Ernesto Bertarelli. But Chaim Goldner of the minority shareholders said the response to the tender was "a failure on the part of Ares Serono", saying the company did not even receive the minimum number of outstanding shares it had originally wanted.

Dead Sea Bromine and Great Lakes to launch joint venture here: The Dead Sea Bromine Group and Great Lakes Chemical Corp. have signed an agreement for the establishment of a joint venture here to produce a flame retardant. Great Lakes and Dead Sea Bromine, a subsidiary of Israel Chemicals Ltd., will each hold 50 percent ownership in the new company.

A $22 million production facility will be built at the Ramat Hovav site, south of Beersheba, and is to have a capacity of 25,000 metric tons a year. Production is expected to begin in mid-1996. The venture is dedicated solely to the production of tetrabromobisphenol, or TBBA, which is increasingly in demand, according to Great Lakes officials. *Amir Rozenblit*

High Court rejects Dubek petition: The High Court of Justice rejected a petition yesterday by the Dubek cigarette company seeking to prevent Industry and Trade Ministry's business and price limitations division head Yoram Turbowits from representing himself in an action he is pursuing against Dubek. Turbowits opposed Dubek's plan to control cigarette distribution by limiting the number of distributors to whom they will sell.

Koor to participate in Shekem tender: The Government Companies Authority has approved the Koor group's participation in the government's tender to purchase Shekem. In addition to Koor, the group consists of Tadiran Industries, Kital Investments, Atra and El-Roy.

Bagir opens Kiryat Gat plant: The Bagir clothing company yesterday opened its Kiryat Gat factory in which it is investing $4.5 million. Company officials said $2.5m. has already been invested in the plant, with another $2m. to be invested this year for automating Bagir's "International" line of men's clothing, which which is aimed at the European and American markets. Last year it registered a 50 percent increase in exports to $14.5m. from $9.7m. US sales rose 82% to $10.5m.

WORLD BRIEFS

US April trade gap widens as exports slump: The US deficit on trade in goods and services widened a sharp 22 percent in April to $8.40 billion as exports weakened, the Commerce Department said yesterday. Sales to foreign markets dropped 3.3% to $56.18 billion while imports fell only a slight 0.6% to $64.58b., producing a deficit well in excess of Wall Street economists' expectations of a $7.5b. shortfall.

The department revised its previous estimate of the March trade gap to a smaller $6.87b. from the $7.46b. deficit it originally reported. It also introduced revisions for the entire 1993 year, showing the overall trade deficit was $75.73b. instead of $76.76b. *Reuter*

George Michael loses bid to break from Sony: Pop star George Michael lost his battle to escape from his recording contract with Sony when a British court threw out his claims yesterday against the company. Judge Jonathan Parker ruled in the High Court that the 30-year-old singer's 1988 contract with Sony was not a restraint of trade, unfairly weighted against him and ultimately unenforceable. Michael had brought the action last October claiming unfair restraint of trade by Sony, his record label. *Reuter*

German money supply growth slowed: The Bundesbank said the annualized rate of M3 money supply growth slowed slightly in May from April, but that the expansion of the money supply was still affected by special factors. *Reuter*

Japan's economy barely grew: Japan's giant economy barely grew at all in the business year to March 31, but new data gave fresh impetus to hopes a modest recovery may be at hand, economists said. Gross domestic product edged up a bare 0.03 percent in 1993/94 after a revised 0.4% rise in 1992/93, the Economic Planning Agency said. *Reuter*

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (22.6.94)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	3.750	4.125	4.750
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.500	3.875	4.500
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.000	4.000	4.250
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.250	3.375	3.625
Yen (10 million yen)	0.500	0.625	1.000

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (21.6.94)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.3390	3.3860	—	—	3.3588
U.S. dollar	3.0308	3.0735	2.98	3.12	3.0500
German mark	1.8328	1.8185	1.86	1.95	1.9044
Pound sterling	4.6563	4.7240	4.57	4.78	4.6889
French franc	0.5541	0.5619	0.54	0.57	0.5574
Japanese yen (100)	2.9784	3.0203	2.93	3.07	2.9873
Dutch florin	1.6890	1.7128	1.66	1.74	1.6993
Swiss franc	2.2420	2.2736	2.20	2.31	2.2551
Swedish krone	0.3934	0.3990	0.39	0.41	0.3949
Norwegian krone	0.4348	0.4410	0.43	0.45	0.4380
Danish krone	0.4618	0.4686	0.47	0.60	0.4651
Finnish mark	0.5676	0.5756	0.55	0.58	0.5706
Canadian dollar	2.1836	2.2143	2.15	2.25	2.1862
Australian dollar	2.2428	2.2744	2.19	2.30	2.2568
S. African rand	0.8292	0.8409	0.55	0.79	0.8338
Belgian franc (10)	0.9190	0.9319	0.90	0.95	0.9249
Austrian schilling (10)	2.6917	2.7296	2.65	2.77	2.7073
Italian lira (1000)	1.9188	1.9459	1.88	1.99	1.9301
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.26	4.52	4.3142
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.87	0.92	0.9455
ECU	3.6188	3.6698	—	—	3.6547
Irish punt	4.5766	4.6410	4.47	4.75	4.6038
Spanish peseta (100)	2.2762	2.3083	2.22	2.37	2.2902

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

NOTICE TO FOREIGN RESIDENTS
IN REGARD TO THE PUBLICATION OF A PROSPECTUS
OF LAHAK- COSMOS MUTUAL FUND

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23 of the Securities Law, 5728-1968, in regard to the publication of an offer to foreign residents of an unlimited number of units of 1 U.S. dollar (hereinunder "dollar") par value each, but not less than 100 units in any single purchase, in participation certificates registered in the name of the holder, at fluctuating unit prices, as more fully described in Chapter 2 of the Prospectus, as follows:

The Fund is an open fund.
Units in the Fund are offered to "foreign residents" who h old a non-resident deposit (excluding "holders of an exemption" who are Israeli residents) as defined on the Currency Control Law, 5738-1978, and the regulations and permits thereunder as may be in force from time to time (hereinunder: - "the Control Law") (see Paragraph 1.1 of the Prospectus)

THE UNITS OFFERED

Offer at a reduced Price
Commencing from June 28, 1994 at 8:30 a.m. and up to September 30, 1994 at 2:00 p.m., the units are offered in consideration for payment of the base price, as shall be fixed, plus an increment at a rate of 0.25%.

Regular Offer
Commencing from September 30, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. and up to June 20, 1995 at 2:00 p.m., the units are offered in consideration for payment of their base price, as shall be fixed, plus an increment at a rate of 1% or less, as specified in the Prospectus.

The unit prices and redemption prices of the Fund's units will be quoted in U.S. dollars.

Investment Policy
Pursuant to the trust agreement and according to the present policy under the Prospectus, and subject to any law, the Fund will invest its assets as follows:

Up to 75% of its total assets in securities of any type traded abroad, provided that at least 40% of its total assets will be invested in bonds of any type and in convertible securities traded abroad

The Fund's remaining investments will be in the discretion of the Fund Manager.

The Fund may, subject to the provisions of the Currency Control Permit 6738-1978, maintain a foreign currency deposit (Pamach) in the name of the Fund, for purposes of holding transit balances created in the course of the Fund's activities, in any percentage which does not exceed the percentage permitted by law - presently 45% - of the Fund's total assets, provided that the proportion of cash in foreign currency, together with the foreign certificates which the Fund Manager is entitled to purchase, shall not exceed 90% of the Fund's total assets (see Chapter 3 of the Prospectus).

The Fund will invest in Israeli securities traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in options. In regard to options and the risk factors attendant on the investment therein see pages 22-23 of the Prospectus.

In regard to any change in the aforesaid investment policy, the Fund Manager will file an immediate report and will publish a notice, seven days in advance, in a least 2 daily newspapers circulating in Israel, of which one will be in Hebrew and one in English.

The Fund is an unrestricted fund (see Chapter 6 of the Prospectus).

Validity of Permit from the Controller of Foreign Currency (see Paragraph 3.3 of the Prospectus and Appendix A to the Prospectus)

The establishment of the Fund and the offer to foreign residents is in accordance with a special permit from the Controller of Foreign Currency, the validity of which runs until December 31, 1995. The Fund Manager will act to have the validity of the special permit extended.

Remuneration of Fund Manager and Trustees
Pursuant to the trust agreement, the Fund manager is entitled to receive an annul remuneration at a rate of 5% of the average annual value of the total assets of the Fund and the Trustee is entitled to receive an annual remuneration at a rate of 0.5% of the average annual value of the total assets of the Fund.

Until otherwise decided by the Fund manager (with the consent of the Trustee), the Fund Manager's remuneration has been fixed at a rate of 1% and the remuneration of the Trustee has been fixed at a rate of 0.1%.

The Hebrew version of this Prospectus is the binding one. An English translation is distributed to the public together with this Prospectus. The translator of the Prospectus has certified that the translation into English faithfully and accurately reflects the contents of the Hebrew version (the certificate is attached to the front of the English translation).

This Prospectus is a first prospectus for the offer of the Fund's units.

Copies of the Prospectus and of the permit from the Securities Authority for the publication thereof have been lodged with the Registrar of Companies.

Copies of the Prospectus are obtainable from all branched of the American-Israel Bank and from members of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Applications for the order of units can be lodged with the above-mentioned parties.

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Sterling	NIS 4.6889	+ 0.27%
Mark	NIS 1.9044	+ 0.54%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	3708.56	-32.35
DJ Transport	1817.54	-23.95
DJ Utils	178.22	-2.44
DJ Comp	1291.9	-14.84
NYSE Indust	306.83	-2.58
NYSE Transport	249.09	-3.48
NYSE Comp	248.08	-2.31
S&P 100	417.77	-3.81
S&P Spot Index	451.38	-4.08
AMEX Comp	431.74	-4.45

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Prev. movements	+631	480	1718

Volume up (in 1000's) 59434
Volume down (in 1000's) 201680

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	2940.2	-30.9
Tokyo Nikkei average	20813.1	-338.9
Singapore all-share index	552.08	-3.15
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	8857.78	-140.4

Israeli stocks in NY

WYSE / AMEX	Last	Change
Am Is Pac	39.625	+0.625
Ampal A	7.375	+0
Ayal	2.125	0
Bezeq	2.8125	-0.1875
Control Data	9	+0.125
Elscint Chase-Pritzker	2.25	-0.125
Elscint	1.875	-0.125
Etz Lavud	9	0
Etz Lavud A	6.75	+0
Lesser Isra C	5.75	-0.125
PEC	23.5	-0.75
Tadiran	15.375	+0.625
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
Aladdin	4.875	-0.75
4D	4.5	+0.125
Ampal 5.5	21.5	+0
BWR Tech	5.75	-0.125
Cometine Tech	8.75	-0.25
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ECI Tel	17	-0.375
Scitex	4.25	+0.375
Eco-Soil	8.5	-0.3125
Electric Fuel	7.03125	-0.46875
EFRI	16.75	-0.25
Elbit	21.75	-1
Elron	10.625	+0.25
Eshed Robotec	0.875	0
M. Systems	2.875	-0.75
Gilat	9.5	-0.125
ISG	2.875	-0.125
Jacobi	5.625	+0.25
Health Tech	2.375	+0
Idan	0.5	+0
IEI	5.375	-0.25
Indigo	15.25	-0.5
Interphim	21	-0.75
First Isr Fund	12	-0.25
Isras	0.9875	-0.03125
Lannet	6.875	-0.625
Lanoptics	7	-0.25
Magal	5.5	-0.25
Medis-Al	4.75	-0.125
Magic	5.125	-0.375
Orbotech	7.625	+0.125
Orbap Tech	2.375	-0.125
Radi	2.75	-0.125
Rapoports	2	-0.03125
Suprema	3.625	-0.375
Scitex	15.75	-0.5
Silicon	3.875	-0.125
T.A.T. Technol	3.125	-0.25
Tiro VR	5.25	-0.5
Teledata	12.75	-0.25
Telegraph	3.125	-0.25
Teva	23.75	+0.125
TVB	1.4375	-0.1875

(All listings are closing quotes)

Source: CommStock Trading Ltd. (Data 20-JUN-94)

INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.542	+0.0041
	Sep future (CME)	1.543	+0.0076
D-mark:	spot	1.6835	-0.0051
	Sep future (CME)	0.6231	+0.0026
S-franc:	spot	1.342	-0.037
	Sep future (CME)	0.7474	+0.006
Yen:	spot	100.4	-1.58
	Sep future (CME)	0.010064	+0.000164
Can$/Dr:	spot	1.3657	-0.0020
	Sep future (CME)	0.7157	+0.0012
Aus$/Dr:	spot	0.7468	+0.0084
	Sep future (CME)	0.7459	+0.0071
F-franc:	spot	5.442	-0.0262
It Lira:	spot	1572	-5.25
Nlg:	spot	1.7825	-0.0096
Aust.Shg.	spot	11.25	-0.015
Rand:	spot	3.6655	+0.016
ECU:	spot	1.2028	+0.0042
Bonds	future	102.406	-0.49875
S and P	future	452.25	-4.4

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	4.625	+0.0625
Dollar	6 months	5	+0.125
Dollar	12 months	5.5625	+0.0625
Sterling	3 months	5.1875	0
Sterling	6 months	5.5	0
Sterling	12 months	6.25	+0.0625
S-franc	3 months	4.375	0
S-franc	6 months	4.5	0
S-franc	12 months	4.75	0
D-mark	3 months	5.0625	+0.0625
D-mark	6 months	5.0625	0
D-mark	12 months	5.25	0
Yen	3 months	2.1875	0
Yen	6 months	2.3125	0
Yen	12 months	2.625	0

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Jul) (CEC)	1327	-11
Coffee (Jul) (CEC)	131.3	+1.45
Sugar no 11 (Jul) (CEC)	12.1	+0.04
Wheat (Jul) (CBOT)	324.5	+2.5
Soybeans(Jul)(CBOT)	678.5	-4.5
Orange juice (Jul)(CEC)	90.15	+0.25
Crude oil light (Jul)(CEC)	20.04	-0.71

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Jul) (LCE)	997	-5
Coffee (Jul) (LCE)	2269	+57
Wheat (Sep)(LCE)	101.15	+100
Brent crude oil (Jul)(IPE)	-	-

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	PM	394.2	+5.15
Silver:	spot	5.8	+0.12

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Aug)	396.3	+5.4
Silver (Jul)	5.595	+0.12
Platinum (Jul.)	411.1	+4.8
Palladium (Sep.)	136.5	+0.75
High-grade copper (Jul)	1.1175	+0.004

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	395.95	+1.05
Gold PM fix	395.5	0
Silver fix	5.49	-12.5
Platinum PM fix	409.25	0

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
FstInt#1	114.80	-4.2
FstInt#2	40.08	-8.2
General	8620	-6.0
IndDev00		
IndDv-P0		
LeumiW1		
MizrC	231	-3.1
DFH	129200	-8.0
Trade	242	-0.2
TradeC	186.50	-8.5

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Adanim	320500	-6.0
Camal	951	-5.8
CamC3	261	-3.3
DevWB	17400	-4.7
FirstMB	30045	-1.5
IndepMB	07200	
J IsrC	123.00	
J IsrW	105.00	-5.0
JerdBnk	291	-2.3
LeumiMtg	99800	-3.3
Mekkam	23100	-7.0
MizrahC	186.50	0.5
Mizrw	6935	-4.0
TefahoB	169057	-0.2
TefahoW	187755	-6.0

Financial Institutions

Name	Price	%chg
Shiton	7991	

Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
IsraelInt1	1891	
Arenut	1737	-1.3
Avalon	539	-10.0
AvalonC	393	-8.8
Eden	326	-2.1
EtanC1	180.00	-0.5
Hadar1	1222	-3.5
Hadar5	1182	-3.0
HamishorC	198.00	
Hamphire1	1380	-1.5
Hanshen3	1340	
Menorah1	1185	-1.2
Menorah5	1185	-1.3
Phoenix1	4026	-2.9
Phoenix5	3855	-3.0
Saharl	482	-3.0
Zorel	3994	

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
Isotronic	642	-4.2
Matav	986	-5.0
Aspen	1210	
AsuterC1	238	
Bezeq	1887	-5.0
BezWW2	164.50	-0.6
BndWtchC1	136.50	-1.2
BndWtchC2	128.50	-2.4
BndWtch1 L	3450	-4.5
Clkg0.1	74921	
ClkDwpC	350	-10.0
ClalWWS	143.00	-5.0
CoBesch	1889	-3.0
CoCp	1074	-3.0
Crystal	3543	-10.0
DanNet1	2280	-3.0
DCL	648	-4.8
DCLW	330	-10.2
Elad	773.00	-2.8
Feldman	228	
GanNader	281	
GanNader	194.50	
GlbgC0	174.50	
GamaC1	118.00	-2.5
GamaW2	108.00	-6.4
HSWC1	127.50	0.4
HSWW1	173.50	
HSR	489	-8.9
Ingame1	3180	-10.0
Ingame5	2935	-4.7
Intl	1922	-1.0
Lisu	1325	-5.0
Mell	1143	-0.5
Medtech	616	-3.4
MedtechW	775	-5.7
MLLC1	188.00	
Neto	1870	-6.0
NetInt	146.50	
NetInt1	120.50	-0.8
Tecn	4084	-2.0
TecnC1	198.00	-3.0
TecnC2		
Telrex	1146	-5.0
Topline	310	-8.0
YesC1	117.00	
Yesns	1337	-10.0
Vedet	707	-8.3
Yona	696	-3.0

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
alphatahk	315	-8.0
electroptic	1490	-10.0
inrom	528	-8.9
salog	443	-3.3
willger	333	-8.0
yehudaet	256	0.8
AdvmC	122.00	-2.4
AdvmC	310	9.5
AdamomC2	26.70	-8.6
Allenex	190	-2.3
Alony	285	-9.2
AlonWt1	33.30	-14.8
Alumit1L	5380	
Angel	11880	-5.3
Argaman	586	-2.1
AryCt1	99.00	
Ashdy	1815	-8.0
Ashdyct	164.00	-4.8
AshdyW2	.570	-10.0
AstonW1		
Atmon	378	-3.5
AtmonW1	182.00	-6.1
Azmuth	477	-8.0
Belmon	492	-2.8
BeyloxC1	191.00	-1.0
Cabtks C2	253	-5.1
CablesC3	116.00	-4.0
CablesW2	365	-8.8
Centine	1020	-9.5
Cergal	1223	
Delta	1287	-1.8
Chem	528	
ChemW1	37.10	-5.1
OldSoC	247	-3.1
OldSoL1	2048	-5.0
Clind Ct	135.00	-0.3
CyclonWt	5000	-10.0
Cyclone1	10417	-13.0
Cyclone5	7481	-6.0
CyclonC3	163.00	
CyclonC2	135.00	-2.2
Dalronc	173.50	1.5
DalronW2	1710	
Delman1	3334	
Decmon	625	-5.9
Degem1	1166	-10.0
Delta 1	1848	
Delta3	1838	
DubekB	11565	-4.0
DubekR	11685	-4.0
EagleC		
EagleC2	49.00	
EagleW2	38.50	
EagleT	92.00	
Edgar	318	-3.7
EdgarC2	127.50	1.5
ElderTec	75.00	-4.8
ElbitW1	10300	-12.0
ElcoInd	4885	-2.5
Elcomp	1174	
ElcomW1	120.00	-3.8
Elco 0.5	6948	-2.2
ElcoIG4	243	-10.0
ElsC	239	-2.4
EshRtec	483	-5.2
Evtel	468	-3.0
FertilS	2398	-2.5
Fertil1	3182	-2.5
FerolowW1	4469	
FerolowW5	3818	-2.2
Fox J	368	-8.4
TrustC1	189.00	-0.5
TrustC2	180.50	
GlobC3	100.00	
GlobSub	450	
GlbWt2	722	-8.3
Galon	1226	-5.0
HashoM1	2480	-3.3
HashoM1	380	-5.1
HashoM5	167.50	-5.1
Hod	225	
Holit	173.00	-3.3
IsrChem1	2672	-9.0
JerCem	685	-3.0
Kadman1	350	-10.1
Kalom	8862	
KadomC2	173.50	
Kelar	422	-1.2
KlorC1	136.50	-1.1
KlorW1		
IDB	2257	-4.0
Lipski	2780	-1.5
Lodzia1	1361	-7.3
Lodzia5	1178	-3.0
LudzBiM	278	-8.9
MacPell	281	-3.1
Magnus	395	-4.0
Maarivn1	928	4.0
MaarivB	1008	-8.7
Mul Eden	814	-2.0
Modpal	680	-4.3
Mizpim1	944	-3.0
MizmorS	903	
NagCeram	420	
Nahsoln1	1042	-5.6
NahsoN5	883	-5.0
Newot	867	
NewotW1		
Nuri	1329	-3.0
NMC	482	-4.8
Olin	736	-10.0
Osem	235	-5.1
Orlan1	371	
Orlas	415	-7.2
PecherW2	9400	-12.0
Pargod	2228	
PesDan	641	-8.0
Plas	528	-10.1
PolgatA	408	-8.8
PolgatC1	177.50	1.1
Polygon	931	-7.3
PolygonC	165.00	0.9
PCB	771	-5.8
Rekanat	1028	-2.7
RekanatW	389	-5.1
SeaRoll1	588	-4.7
Sano1	1082	-3.5
Serat5	941	-4.0
Sella	384	-7.3
Shemen	14445	-7.0
Spector	442	-4.9
Steel	127.50	
SteelWt	9030	0.8
Tael	50520	-10.0
Tadiran	874	-4.0
TadirC	180.00	
Tedea	888	-4.0
Tiv	727	-2.0
Tobler1	384	-1.9
Tosaf	248	-3.2
TAICI	182.00	-5.3
TAT1	475	-3.1
Unibel1	885	-1.0
UnibelS	382	-8.0
VitaIgn1	198	-4.0
Vulcan	234	-8.4
VulcanC	195.00	
WerdiwCn	13390	-1.0
WerdiwW3	7234	-3.0
YlangC2	338	
Zeluxi	289	-3.0
Zim1	1491	-8.5
Zim5	1434	-5.0
Zim1	4180	-10.0
Zim5	4101	
ZionCab1	1240	
Zoharind	934	-0.9

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
gazalim	281	-1.5
rewal	435	-8.6
isrdal	546	-2.0
Yafora	212	-3.8
Alegal	1542	-10.0
AfroC		
AfroWT6	431	-4.0
Assum	208	-3.1
AssumC1	167.50	0.3
Arlozin1	1220	-3.7
Azrel	2197	-3.0
AzrelCn	198.00	-2.2
AdgaW2	381	-15.7
AdgaC1	345	2.6
AuroProp	550	-4.0
Bimaor1	1303	-10.0
BayadN5	25943	-3.0
BayadC1	27570	-3.0
BerYaKov	3604	-5.0
BerYaKovW1	749	0.3
BerYaHoC	90.50	-0.5
BdgRam	4880	-3.0
CongsCr	2770	
DevEnor	1576	-1.0
DanRjnsC	161.00	-0.8
DesertI	272	
Dunlop	5873	0.3
DunlopCw	800	-5.4
Engel	394	-0.2
GloHouse	302	
GloHouseC	164.50	-8.1
Hion	481	-2.5
HilonWt	302	-2.9
Isrco	3450	-1.5
Isralem	1914	-3.3
IsralemC	200	-1.5
IsralemWt	1570	-8.0
IsralC1	180.50	
IsralL5	1870	5.0
Israel1	7881	-1.0
IOFI	29825	-4.8
JerusonT	294	-4.9
Jordan	427	-8.9
LeaCt1	160.50	-3.7
LaniraW1	4.81	-4.0
Lesnok	385	-10.0
Lifshi5	217	-5.7
Lumir1	5030	-10.0
MalBuC		
MalBuC2	107.50	-1.8
Malisr1	710	-5.0
MarLasC	221	
MarLasC2	90.00	-1.8
MarLasW3	270	-8.9
Minav	1700	-5.5
Mishael	398	
MTM	2935	-9.7
NetAviv	1147	-5.0
PnCr	6500	
RelSin	830	-7.7
RogovsIL	1120	-4.0
RogovsB	1198	
Rotem	488	-10.0
SdarIsrel		
Secom	385	-5.0
Shalal	328	-1.1
Tashtiot	784	-2.0

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
Isra	1384	-3.0
Adanq1	1042	-5.0
AdanQ	992	-3.0
AfroC	491	-5.2
Ampa	153258	-0.3
Arad	3089	-9.7
Ar aC2	212	-4.8
ClalWS	1022	-3.0
ClalSb	5165	-3.0
DanaInC	200	-5.7
Danber1	2651	-7.2
Elron	2850	-5.6
Emek	392	
EsdarIO4	222	-5.1
EmcC1	460	-4.0
Hiron5	7589	-1.0
IOL6	163.00	-1.3
KordanI	489	-4.5
KordanG2		
Kur	915	
Magor1	2958	-10.0
MagorS	3400	-10.0
Makit	601	
OofC1	117.00	-8.0
OofW1	2803	-14.5
Olar	1492	-10.0
Permit.1	1077	-0.5
Rim1	880	-5.0
Rimt	476	-3.1
SaharDev	2431	-1.5
Securis	2983	-3.5
SecurisC	126.50	
SecurisW	793	-15.0
SAPANHASP	845	-4.9
TauC	239	
TauC1	174.50	-0.3
TauShmr	80.50	-4.7
TauW3	33.10	-10.3
Unico	4854	

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
JoeC1	167.00	-8.7
JoeCTA	175.00	-3.3
MGW1	10427	-8.5

PARALLEL LIST Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
Mirkhit	688	-1.3
ackis	1002	-4.8
gilat	832	-5.0
Mizrg.	304	-5.0
kidoma	300	-4.8
movilusin	700	-3.0
mivtsys	2673	-2.0
yellowbit	380	-3.0
tlv	370	-10.0
Adas	2934	-5.2
AdasWt1	1339	-8.2
Comtec	884	-2.3
DalNt1	1840	-3.5
Danel	1170	-3.2
Dialy	2298	-4.8
Data	1888	
Elbich	682	-3.9
Greenberg	771	-5.3
KDCHOT	981	-8.5
Kind	215	
Kopel	294	-10.1
KopelC1	182.50	
MOPK	691	-6.1
Nirun1	335	-7.1
TrendLin	1398	-2.5

Property, Building

Name	Price	%chg
adorl	377	-0.5
alonRoim	65.50	-6.8
gazmax	210	-8.5
gazstor	849	
Adler	340	-6.4
Cesarea1	7824	-10.0
Givot	784	-2.3
GeorWt	447	
GucC1	319	-8.8
Lamrich	194.00	-4.5
Lantsm1	713	
Nafeton	1895	-2.0
Or	239	-8.8
Rassco	1885	-7.5
Scandia	8100	-8.5
ScandiaC	108.00	
UnicornG1	118.50	
Unicorn1	180.00	-1.6
Unicorn5	145.00	
UnicorN2	171.50	-1.3

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
abondiagn	233	-8.3
ludomagn	409	-6.2
lipman	1810	
miamWld	852	-1.0
nimo	1180	-2.3
plaston	371	2.4
rashert	2177	-2.0
tadiran	840	-6.1
telrasur	1180	-3.3
vicmtrs	375	
zkorneel	1088	-8.5
Adamari1	300	-2.5
Bar-Tam1	1650	-8.0
BeruchI1	1130	-10.0
BeruchS	482	-8.9
Bustn1	481	-8.4
Dexter	3138	+10.0
Elram	254	-4.2
Gal	106.50	-8.3
Harman	1088	
Kingt	1022	-4.0
LuhimI1	3840	-8.0
MarCt1	1380.00	0.4
Mart1	480	
MLT	1451	-3.0
Nesk	20087	1.0
NeskG1	183.00	4.9
OlsRob	861	-10.5
OlsRc	385	-9.8
OrsRC	165.50	5.0
OrdaPrnz	1410	-3.2
Polisit1	884	
Shefelot	197.00	-10.0
Tisco	1018	-3.0
TiscoG1		

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
darban1	1882	-8.4
Mar	815	-3.0
marathon	840.00	-4.5
Shalm	118833	-5.0
Mivtsh	185.00	-3.7
MivtshG1		
Optsrs	288	-7.4
Regent1	330	-1.2
Yasum	104.00	-4.1

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
ampolw2	5.80	
DBDEx1	3868	-10.0
Naphta	19.30	-8.4

Two-sided trading

Name	Afternoon Price	Afternoon % Change	Afternoon Volume Shares	Morning Price	Morning % Change	Morning Volume Shares
Buildpr	913	-3.2	6000	913	-3.3	7583
National	2053	0.5	65000	2043		35018
Wolfson	96318	-8.0		96318	-8.0	27
Abjac	79.5	-0.5	560000	80.0		549817
Ackerlin	547	-3.0	35000	536	-5.0	9758
Adacom	115.0	-10.0	130000	115.0	-10.2	
Afris G.	339979	-2.2	200	339979	-2.3	57
Afrisr	319138	-4.2	30	318304	-4.5	53
Agan	3887	-2.7	11500	3887	-3.0	5765
Agis	1938	-8.5	14400	1863	-5.2	24747
Aryt	635	-8.0	10000	630	-8.7	9844
Avner	17.9	1.2	2950000	17.7		1266662
Azorim	3807	-4.0	30150	3847	-3.0	18919
ALPM	12002	1.2	1800	12002	1.2	4170
Bezek	556	-0.5	746500	553	-1.1	372274
Bouko	230		36000	230		105448
Cables	1546	-1.2	2000	1558	-0.5	5298
Clal Com	16747	-6.0	350	16925	-5.0	287
Clal Ele	32779	-2.7	4140	33032	-2.0	3420
Clal Tra	918	-0.2	55200	915	-0.5	69496
Clal 10	7589	-1.7	20600	7647	-1.0	11317
Clalins	1704		123600	1678	-1.5	10150
Cldstr 5	1944	-7.7	2100	1938	-8.0	21827
Clinds	1749		187200	1749		48324
CohenDev	788		10000	788		11070
Danber 5 %	2092	-0.2	2800	2087		11193
Dead Sea	981	2.5	104000	957		56598
Delek	7450	-0.7	7500	7356	-2.0	7717
Discirv	21666		10980	21666		4933
Elbit	21713	-3.2	6160	21593	-2.0	2950
Elco	7552	-2.0	9500	7533	-2.2	4518
Elite 5	1334	-1.7	60000	1334	-1.8	65422
Elron	10613	-4.0	8650	10779	-2.5	2346
Evergr n	2286	-8.2	4500	2318	-7.0	5580
Export	1308	-2.2	12000	1308	-2.2	3491
Fibi	43482	-2.7	1440	44285	-1.0	1196
Formula	1550	-5.0	2400	1550	-5.0	3720
FrstInt1	30695	-1.2	780	30773	-1.0	1536
FrstInt5	29288	-0.5	840	29433		886
Frutarom	694		2500	694		63073
Gahelet	6998	-3.2		6998	-3.2	1925
Granit	502	-3.0	34000	497	-4.1	28562
Hapoalim	302	-1.7	480000	307		303227
Hapoim	9988	-4.5	7950	10145	-3.0	8333
IndBldg	395	-0.2	450000	398		108739
IndDevBK	30857	-2.2	150	30679	-2.5	250
Isramco	20.5	5.2	24960000	19.5		3798310
IsrCorp1	24841	0.5	3840	24717		2019
IsrCorp5	23863		1400	23663		1878
IsChem	204	1.5	2070000	201		531536
IDB	1039	-2.0	122400	1048	-1.0	90881
IDBDev	59257	-0.7	5100	59705		1281
ILDC	1143	-2.0	63600	1119	-4.0	22801
JEC	1105	-3.0	19800	1089	-3.5	14748
JOEL	267	0.5	312000	266		256999
Kardan5	403	-7.5	27500	400	-8.3	41528
Kitan	1138	1.0	90000	1124	-0.3	52009
Klil	2304			2374		576
Koor	19697	0.5	28800	19599		5330
Laumi	304	-1.7	768000	302	-2.3	299392
LoumW2	7.1	-11.2	1440000	7.0	-12.5	506935
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McNeil ousts Graf

Anna makes smashing Wimbledon debut

ORI LEWIS and agencies

WIMBLEDON – Overcoming high winds and rain delays yesterday, Lori McNeil upset five-time champion and world No. 1 Steffi Graf in the first round of Wimbledon – the first time a reigning titlist exited so quickly.

McNeil, long considered a dangerous grass-court player who never fulfilled her potential, played cleverly and courageously in difficult conditions on Centre Court, serving well despite the gusts and hitting away from Graf's forehand to win 7-5, 7-6(7-5).

"It doesn't hurt to lose my crown – it hurts to lose," Graf said.

In other first-round action, Anna Smashnova opened the Israeli challenge with a hard-fought victory over Russia's Eugenia Maniokova, saving two match points on her way to a 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 win. The match was a struggle all the way for the 17-year-old as both she and her opponent, nine years her senior, battled away from the baseline under threatening skies.

The match between Amos Mansdorf and Spain's Thomas Carbonell was postponed due to inclement weather.

Smashnova should have had the match all wrapped up within 90 minutes. Just when the outcome looked to be a foregone conclusion with the Israeli leading 6-4 and 3-0, Smashnova lost concentration and Maniokova recovered to level the match.

With the Russian leading 5-2 in the third set with two match points on her serve, once again it seemed all over, this time for Smashnova. But Israel's No. 1 bounced back with service breaks, some delightful passing shots and renewed concentration to wrap up the match in 2½ hours.

Her next opponent is Larissa Neiland of Latvia.

Graf, seeking her fourth straight title here, had not lost in the first round of any tournament since the Virginia Slims championship in 1992. Her opponent then was McNeil.

That was the 30-year-old American's first and only victory in nine career meetings with Graf until yesterday.

Graf was seemingly more troubled by the wind – especially on her service toss. In the tiebreaker, she saved two match points before McNeil – charging the net right to the end – put a forehand volley out of Graf's reach.

RISING TO THE OCCASION – Anna Smashnova serves one up to Eugenia Maniokova. (Reuter)

Not since 1985, when she had just turned 16, had Graf lost more than four games in her first-round match at Wimbledon. She won the title in 1988 and 1989, and again each of the past three years.

McNeil, although winner of four grass court titles, had never done well in 10 previous Wimbledons. Her best showing was a quarterfinal loss in 1986 to Hana Mandlikova.

She will now be considered one of the contenders in a wide-open race for the women's title. Graf's ouster also boosts the chances of 37-year-old Martina Navratilova to win a 10th crown in what she says will be her last Wimbledon.

The new favorite is No. 2 seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario who routed Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria, 6-1, 6-2.

In late Monday-night play, nine-time champion Navratilova was moved by a sustained standing ovation as she started her 22nd and final Wimbledon.

"I was excited, and then the applause just kept going, and it was 'Wait, I haven't played yet. How am I supposed to play now?'" said Navratilova, 37, after beating 19-year-old Briton Claire Taylor, 6-2, 6-3. "It was pretty special."

Batistuta hat-trick lifts Argentina

Dutch struggle past Saudis, Brazil in easy win

FOXBORO (Reuter) – Gabriel Batistuta scored a hat-trick and Diego Maradona added a brilliant third as Argentina put behind them their mean 1990 performances with a purposeful 4-0 World Cup victory over Greece yesterday.

In Argentina's first attack in the second minute of the Group D game, Diego Simeone advanced down the right and fed Batistuta, who shook off his marker Yannis Kalitzakis and rifled a low shot into the far side of the net under the arm of diving goalkeeper Antonis Minou.

In the dying miutes of the first half, Batistuta dealt World Cup new boys Greece another pychological blow with a brilliant goal, his 22 in 33 internationals, from the edge of the penalty area following a penetrating run down the left by defender Jose Chamot.

Maradona struck his 33rd for Argentina on the hour with a deft, curling shot from the edge of the box.

Netherlands 2, Saudi Arabia 1

An 87th-minute goal from substitute Gaston Taument steered the Netherlands to a face-saving but narrow victory in their opening Group F clash on Monday in Washington, DC.

The Saudis, making their World Cup debut, gave an unexpectedly high-quality demonstration of their talents and took the game to the Dutch for long periods after snatching an early lead.

Midfielder Fuad Anwar Amin was the scorer of their opening goal with a header from a free-kick by Abdullah al-Dossari, but the Dutch, although shocked, did not cave in and they fought back with a tremendous second half performance.

Midfielder Wim Jonk grabbed the equalizer with a perfectly struck 20-meter drive after 50 minutes and Taument, who came on as a 58th-minute replacement for Marc Overmars, struck the winner with only three minutes remaining.

THE ANGEL GABRIEL – Argentina's Diego Maradona (l) embraces teammate Gabriel Batistuta after the first of his three goals against the Greeks. (AP)

The goal came when a deep cross from the left eluded the Saudi defense and their goalkeeper Mohammad al-Deayea as he rushed out, leaving the Feyenoord winger with an unguarded goal into which to direct his header.

It was just about a merited result for the Dutch on a night when they were clearly taken by surprise by the force and skill of the Saudi team. They played deep and filled midfield, but they produced many fluent moves and counter-attacked swiftly.

The Saudis had three booked and the Dutch two, a fair reflection of the play since the Saudis seemed to be as adept at the unruly side of the game as they were at the skill and technical aspects.

The Netherlands, runners-up in the World Cup finals of 1974 and 1978 and appearing in their sixth finals tournament, were never comfortable and needed their unquenchable spirit to emerge truimphant to the delight of their orange army of drum- beating supporters.

For them, it was fortunate that Monday evening followed the coolest day in Washington for more than a week with the temperature falling to 81°F (27°C) by the end of the game.

Brazil 2, Russia 0

Also on Monday, Romario scored one goal and played a vital part in another to earn Brazil a deserved win in a Group B match in Palo Alto.

The Barcelona striker stabbed home a corner from close range in the 27th minute and was felled after a darting run on goal to earn a penalty converted by captain Rai in the 53rd minute.

Spurred on by thousands of drum-beating fans in brilliant sunshine, Brazil never quite moved into top gear. But their skills were more than a match for a physical Russian team weakened by a players' rebellion before the tournament.

World Cup at a Glance
(all times Israel)

Yesterday's result:
D – Argentina 4, Greece 0 (Foxboro)
Monday's results:
B – Brazil 2, Russia 0
F – Netherlands 2, Saudi Arabia 1
Last night's scheduled games:
C – Germany-Spain (Chicago)
D – Nigeria-Bulgaria (Dallas)
Tonight/tomorrow:
A – Romania-Switzerland 23:00 (Pontiac)
A – US-Colombia 02:30 (Pasadena)

Major League linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland 211 001 020 – 7 9 0
Detroit 010 000 000 – 1 5 1
agy, Plunk (8) and S.Alomar; Moore, S.Davis (7), Cadaret (7), Groom (9) and Tettleton. W – Nagy, 6-3. L – Moore, 7-6. HR – Cleveland, S.Alomar (7).

Boston 000 003 001 – 4 5 0
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Hesketh, Russell (8), Fossas (9) and Berryhill; Stottlemyre, W.Williams (8), Righetti (9) and Borders. W – Hesketh, 4-4. L – Stottlemyre, 5-4. Sv – Fossas (1). HR – Boston, Jn.Valentin (3).

Minnesota 010 013 000 – 5 12 0
New York 000 110 23x – 7 10 0
Erickson, Guthrie (7), Wills (8), Aguilera (8) and Walbeck; J.Abbott, Pall (6), Wickman (8) and Stanley. W – Wickman, 3-2. L – Wills, 1-2. HRs – New York, Boston (4); Minnesota, Puckett (11), Winfield (7).

Milwaukee 400 020 000 – 6 13 1
Baltimore 101 021 000 – 5 8 0
Wegman, Crosco (6), J.Mercedes (7), Lloyd (9) and Harper; Moyer, Eichhorn (5), Mills (9) and Hoiles. W – Wegman, 5-0. L – Moyer, 2-5. Sv – Lloyd, (3). HRs – Baltimore, By.Anderson (7), Baines (10); Milwaukee, G.Vaughn (15), Nilsson (8).

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Chicago 000 103 200 – 6 11 0
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Seattle 002 020 010 – 5 9 0
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R.Johnson and D.Wilson; Magrane, M.Leiter (9) and C.Turner and Dalesandro (9). W – R.Johnson, 9-3. L – Magrane, 2-4. HRs – Seattle, Buhner (13), K.Mitchell (3).

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New York 001 100 010 – 3 5 1
Atlanta 000 320 20x – 7 12 0
B.Jones, Mason (6), M.Maddux (8) and Sunnett; Mercker, McMichael (8) and J.Lopez. W – Mercker, 6-1. L – B.Jones, 7-6. HRs – Atlanta, Tarasco (5), Justice (11); New York, Bonilla (12), Bogar (1).

Montreal 000 120 500 – 8 16 0
St. Louis 010 030 000 – 4 8 1
P.J.Martinez, Shaw (6), Rojas (7) and D.Fletcher; Sutcliffe, Eversgerd (6), Habyan (8), Murphy (7), M.Perez (7), R.Rodriguez (8) and Pagnozzi. W – Shaw, 4-2. L – Murphy, 2-3. Sv – Rojas (11). HRs – St. Louis, Whiten (5); Montreal, L.Walker (10), Cordero (7).

Los Angeles 000 000 030 – 3 6 1
San Diego 011 000 000 – 2 6 0
Ka.Gross, Td.Worrell (8) and Piazza, Hernandez (8); Hamilton, Elliott (9) and Ausmus. W – Ka.Gross, 5-4. L – Hamilton, 3-2. Sv – Td.Worrell (4).

Houston 022 001 000 – 5 9 3
Colorado 101 000 020 – 4 10 3
Drabek, Veres (8), Hudek (9) and Servais; Gr.Harris, S.Reed (7), Blair (8), B.Ruffin (9) and Girardi. W – Drabek, 10-3. L – Gr.Harris, 3-7. Sv – Hudek (11). HRs – Houston, Bagwell (20), Servais (6).

Weizman kicks off Wingate celebrations

JOEL GORDIN

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman last night attended celebrations to mark the 50th birthday of the Zinman School for Physical Education, part of the Wingate Institute near Netanya.

The school was founded in 1944 and since then, more than 5,200 students have graduated as physical training instructors. About 3,000 of them, from all 50 classes, are expected to attend the three days of celebrations. Members of the first class had a special mini-ceremony of their own.

Other invited dignitaries who will witness the gymnastic and aerobics displays are Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein and head of the Knesset Education Committee Avraham Burg.

More than 10,000 teachers have completed advanced courses, which includes a B.Ed. Study leading to an MA in physical education has now been started, in conjunction with Haifa University. There are 1,700 students at the school.

NBA Finals: Down to the wire

The seventh game of the NBA Final between the Houston Rockets and New York Knicks will take place tonight at The Summit in Houston. The game will be televised live by Cable TV's Channel 5 at 4:00 tomorrow morning.

Meanwhile, the NBA asked a court Monday if it could keep in effect terms of the collective bargaining agreement with players after it expires tomorrow and before a new one is reached.

Bazarov leads cast at nat'l athletics meet

JOEL GORDIN

ALEXEI Bazarov, coming off a fine performance in Lisbon where he finished second in the 400-m hurdles, leads the hopefuls at the 58th Israel Athletics Championships, scheduled for Hadar Yosef Stadium on Saturday and Sunday nights.

This event will mark the last chance to qualify for the national team at this year's European Championships in Helsinki in August.

IAF chairman Shlomo Ben Gal explained that presently there are only five who are certain for selection: Rogel Nahum (triple jump), Danny Krasnov (pole vault), Bazarov (400-m hurdles), Dov Cremer (marathon) and Vladimir Ostrowsky (20-km walk).

Those who stand a chance based on their performance this weekend are Sergei Lukashuk (discus), Itai Margalit (high jump) and Alex Finger (javelin).

Javelin thrower Vadim Bavikin, who was recently accused of taking steroids and is appealing his suspension, will not take part.

Also not participating is middle distance-runner Orit Kolodny, who cited the lack of invitations to world-class women athletes.

Three international male stars, however, have been invited to the championships. Holland's Patrick Sonek has run the 200m in 21.6 seconds and the 400m in 47.11. In the 200m, he will face Kfir Golan (best time this year: 21.48) and in the 400m, Bazarov (46.86).

Sonek will be joined by countryman Regilto van der Vloot who has sprinted the 100m in 10.45 and the 200m in 20.48. Golan also provides the best competition in the 100m with a best of 10.65.

The Dutchmen are complemented by Welshman Phil Harries, whose time for the 400-m hurdles is 50.01 secs. He will push Bazarov (49.87).

Ben-Gal also announced that, from next year, the championships will be held during the week, due to the increasing pressure from members of the religious community who cannot attend the opening on Saturday.

The Sports Pages are edited by Joe Hoffman

Schrameyer to defend wheelchair tennis crown

HEATHER CHAIT

GERMANY'S Kai Schrameyer, No. 1 in the world, is intent on defending his title at the Eighth International Wheelchair Tennis Championships, beginning today at the Israel Tennis Center in Ramat Hasharon.

Schrameyer, silver medalist in the Barcelona Paralympics, will battle Eric Sturman from the Netherlands and Jayant Mistry from England. Local competition will be provided by Israel's current national champion Eyal Sar-Tov, four-time champ Baruch Hagai and Zev Paticha.

Leading the women is the winner of the past two years, Regina Isecke, also from Germany, who won Barcelona bronze.

Challenging her authority are Israeli No. 1 Tiki Aharoni and Austrian Ilse Schrank in a round-robin contest.

The tournament, under the auspices of ILAN, Israel Sport Center for the Disabled, forms part of the International Wheelchair Tennis Circuit, sponsored by NEC, the Japanese electronics giant.

The finals take place on June 26.

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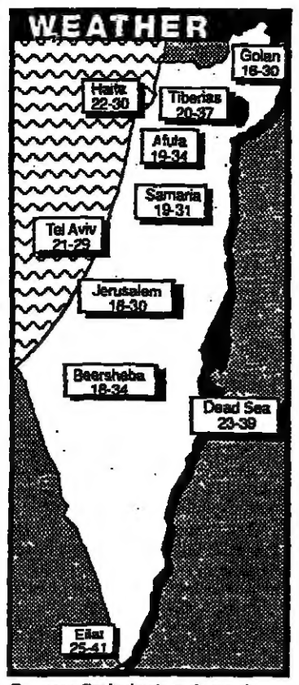

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Amsterdam	14	57	20	68	cloudy
Berlin	11	52	23	73	clear
Buenos Aires	08	46	13	55	clear
Cairo	21	69	36	97	clear
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Copenhagen	08	46	17	63	cloudy
Frankfurt	14	57	26	79	clear
Geneva	13	55	23	73	rain
Helsinki	09	48	16	61	clear
Hong Kong	26	79	29	84	cloudy
Lisbon	16	64	26	79	clear
London	14	57	19	66	rain
Los Angeles	10	65	28	82	clear
Madrid	12	54	30	86	clear
Montreal	14	57	28	82	cloudy
Moscow	19	66	14	57	cloudy
New York	20	68	30	86	clear
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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Israel Chamber Orchestra concludes its season with a series of subscription concerts with Philippe Entremont, who leads the orchestra in Schubert's Eighth (Unfinished) Symphony and *Quartetsatz* for strings. After the intermission Entremont switches from podium to keyboard for Mozart's 21st piano concerto. Saturday at the Sherover Theater in Jerusalem (9 p.m.), June 27 and 29 at the Noga Theater in Jaffa and June 28 at the Haifa Auditorium, all at 8:30.

The Jerusalem Oratorio Choir performs selections by Haydn, Vecchi, Buxtehude, Copland, Elgar and others at its end of season concert, Friday (2:30) at the Sherover Theater in Jerusalem.

OPERA

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

SHAKESPEARE'S irresistible *A Midsummer Night's Dream* receives a darker twist in Benjamin Britten's opera of the same name, which emphasizes the evil powers of the fairies and their malevolent king, Oberon.

The New Israeli Opera's season-closing production is conducted by Asher Fisch and directed by Brigitte Fassbaender. The large cast is a healthy mix of visiting singers and some of this country's finest opera stars. The production (sung in English) opens tonight (8) at the Noga Theater in Jaffa, with further performances Friday, Saturday and then June 26, 28, 30 and July 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9. Daily at 8, Saturdays at 8:30 and Fridays at 1.

Brigitte Fassbaender directs the New Israeli Opera in Britten's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.'

TELEVISION

PENNY STARR

CHANNEL 1 is excusing you from compulsory soccer viewing. You have a reprieve until 11 p.m. (Romania vs. Switzerland). But what's being aired until then doesn't offer much solace, and the titles sound morbid. At 9:50 we get *Postmortem*, which has less to do with formaldehyde and more with dissecting the week's newspapers. That's followed by the second part of a TV movie called *A New Lease of Death*, at 10.

The New Channel 2 has a new lightweight entertainment show as part of its summer schedule. The awfully named *Beer and Good Music* at 9 is easy to make – go to a Tel Aviv pub, film the floor-show and interview the performers – and equally easy to miss.

It's a bad night when the best you can watch is *Melrose Place*, with those ridiculous blonde twentysomethings (Channel 3, 10:10).

FILMS

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★★ **I'LL DO ANYTHING** – A genuine Hollywood curio, James L. Brooks's movie-about-the-movie-business started life as a musical comedy with choreography by Twyla Tharp and music by Prince and Sinead O'Connor. The music and dancing were dropped after unfavorable test screenings, but the entity that remains – an odd mishmash of styles and intentions, vaguely dubbed a "romantic comedy" in the press release – is surprisingly enjoyable.

Even minus the puddle-hopping, show-stopping consummation that Gene Kelly fans may instinctively expect, the film retains the wry sunshine of the best old movie musicals.

With Nick Nolte, Albert Brooks, and Julie Kavner, who take turns stealing the show with 6-year-old Whitni Wright. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

CINEMA

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE ☎ 724131 **An Angel at my Table 7 ★ Madame Bovary** 9:30 G.G. GIL **Jerusalem Mall (Malha)** ☎ 788448 **Naked Gun 33⅓** 1:30, 5, 7:30, 9:30 **★ Grumpy Old Men □ The Paper** 1:30, 5, 7:45, 10 **★ Pelican Brief** 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10 **★ Schindler's List** 1:30, 5, 8:30 **★ California □ Getaway** 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10 **★ In the Name of the Father** 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 JERUSALEM THEATER ☎ 617167 20 Marcus St. **Blanc** 7, 9:30 ORION OR 1-6 ☎ 252914 4 Shamai St. **Little Buddha** 5, 7:15, 9:30 **★ Intersection □ The Woman who made Sesame Oil □ Orlando □ Fearless** 5, 7:15, 9:30 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 792799 **Credit Card Reservations** ☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot **Blink** 7:30, 9:45 **★ Angie □ The Chase □ Malice □ Guarding Tess** 5, 7:30, 9:45 **★ Lightning Jack** 5 **★ Shadowlands** 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 **★ Kika** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 RON 1-2 ☎ 234704 1 Rabbi Akiva St. **Philadelphia □ I'll Do Anything** 5, 7:15, 9:30

TEL AVIV
RAV-CHEN ☎ 5282288* Dizengoff Center **The Chase** 5, 7:30, 9:45 **★ Lightning Jack** 5, 7:15, 9:45 **★ I'll Do Anything □ Blink** 5, 7:30 9:45 **★ Angie** 11, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **★ Malice** weekdays 11, 2:30 CINEMATHEQUE ☎ 6917181 **Orlando** 5:30, 7:45, 9:45 **★ Wife 7 ★ Peter's Friends** 9:30 DEKEL ☎ 5443200 94 Yehuda Hamaccabi St. **Philadelphia** 7:30, 9:45 DIZENGOFF 1-3 ☎ 200465 Dizengoff Center **Getaway □ Baraka** 11, 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 **★ Blanc** 11, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 **★ Belle Epoque** 1 GAN HA'IR 71 Ibn Gabirol St. **The Blue Kite** 2:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 **★ Little Buddha** 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 10 GAT ☎ 6967888* 26 Ibn Gabirol St. **Guarding Tess** 5, 7:30, 9:45 GORDON ☎ 5236932 87 Ben Yehuda St. **The Unbelievable Truth** 6:30, 10 **★ Trust** 8 G.G. HOD 1-4 ☎ 5228090 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. **Grumpy Old Men** 5, 7:30, 10 **★ Fearless □ Pelican Brief** 4:45, 7:30, 10 **★ Max and Morris** 5, 7:30, 10 LEV 1-4 ☎ 5288288 **California** 12:15, 2:15, 5, 7:30, 10 **★ Fan Fan** 12, 6:15 **★ Kika** 12, 2, 4:45, 7:30, 9:45 **★ Farewell to my Concubine** 2, 7:30 **★ Naked** 2, 5, 10 MAXIM **The Age of Innocence** 7:15, 9:30 RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102674* Opera House **My Father the Hero** 5, 7:30, 9:45 **★ Short Cuts** 5:30, 9 **★ Age of Innocence □ Remains of the Day □ Shadowlands** 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 G.G. SHAHAF 1-2 ☎ 5271646 Kikar Namir **Schindler's List** 5, 8:45 **★ Benny and Joon** 5, 7:45, 10 G.G. TAYELET 1-3 ☎ 5177952 2 Yona Hanavi St., **Intersection □ In the Name of the Father □ The Paper** 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. TEL AVIV ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. **Naked Gun 33⅓** 5:30, 8, 10 **★ The Paper □ In the Name of the Father** 5, 7:30, 10 TEL AVIV MUSEUM ☎ 6961297 27 Shaul Hamelekh Boulevard **The Woman Who Made Sesame Oil** 5, 7:45, 10 ZAFON ☎ 5443966 18 Louis Marshall St. **Getaway** 5, 7:30, 9:45

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ATZMON **Naked Gun 33⅓ □ Getaway □ Grumpy Old Men □ Fearless** 4:30, 7, 9:15 **★ In the Name of the Father** 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 325755 **The Woman Who Made Sesame Oil □ Blanc** 7:15 **★ Remains of the Day □ Intersection** 9:15 CINEMA CAFÉ MORIAH ☎ 242477 **California** 7:30, 9:30 ORLY **Shadowlands** 6:45, 9:15 PANORAMA **The Paper □ Baraka** 4:30, 7, 9:30 **★ Schindler's List** 5, 8:30 RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ 674311 **Blink □ The Chase** 4:45, 7, 9:15 RAV-MOR 1-7 ☎ 416899/8 **Blink □ I'll Do Anything □ My Father the Hero □ The Chase □ Guarding Tess □ Lightning Jack □ Malice** 4:45, 7, 9:15 RAV-OR 1-3 ☎ 246553 **Angie □ Guarding Tess** 4:30, 7, 9:15 **★ Kika** 7, 9:15 **★ Aristocats** *(Hebrew dialogue)* 4:45

ASHDOD
G.G. GIL **Blink □ The Escape □ The Paper □ Grumpy Old Men** 5, 7:30, 10 **★ Lightning Jack** 5, 7:30, 10

ASHKELON
RAV CHEN 1-5 ☎ 711223 **Naked Gun 33⅓ □ The Chase □ Getaway □ Lightning Jack** 5, 7:30, 9:45 **★ Age of Innocence** 4:30, 7:15, 9:45

BAT YAM
RAV CHEN ☎ 5531077 **Lightning Jack □ My Father the Hero □ Blink □ Getaway** 5, 7:30, 9:45 **★ Naked Gun 33⅓ □ The Chase** 5, 7:30, 9:45 **★ Schindler's List** 5:30, 9

BEERSHEBA
G.G. ESHEL ☎ 274073 **In the Name of the Father** 5, 7:30, 10 RAV-NEGEV 1-4 ☎ 235278 **Getaway □ Angie** 5, 7:30, 9:45 **★ The Chase** 5, 7:30, 9:45 **★ Lightning Jack** 5, 7:30 **★ Blink** 9:45

HADERA
LEV 1-4 ☎ 343555 **California** 5, 7:30 10 **★ Malice** 5, 7:30, 9:45 **★ Philadelphia** 5, 7:30 10 **★ Little Buddha** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

HERZLIYA
COLONY CINEMA 1-2 (MANDARIN) ☎ 6902666 **Shadowlands □ The Paper** 7:30, 10 DANIEL HOTEL ☎ 544044 **THE AUDITORIUM Baraka** 7:15, 9:30 STAR ☎ 589068 29 Sokolow St. **My Father the Hero** 7:30, 9:45 **★ Getaway** 7:30, 9:45

KARMIEL
CINEMA 1-3 ☎ 887277 **Philadelphia □ Naked Gun 33⅓ ...**, 9:30 **★ Schindler's List** 5:30, 9

KFAR SAVA
G.G. GIL **Naked Gun 33⅓** 5:30, 8, 10 **★ In the Name of the Father** 4:45, 7:15, 10 **★ Grumpy Old Men** 5, 7:30, 10 **★ The Paper** 5, 7:30, 10 **★ Blink** 5, 7:30, 10 **★ Getaway** 5, 7:30, 10 **★ California** 5, 7:30, 10

KIRYAT BIALIK
G.G. KIRYON 1-3 ☎ 779166 **The Secret Garden** 4:45 **★ Mrs. Doubtfire □ Look Who's Talking Now □ The Beverly Hillbillies** 4:45 **★ Grumpy Old Men □ Naked Gun 33⅓** 4:45, 7, 9:30 **★ My Father the Hero □ In the Name of the Father** 7, 9:30 **★ Malice** 7, 9:30 **★ Naked □ Philadelphia □ Kika** 7, 9:30 **★ Getaway** 4:45, 7, 9:30

KIRYAT MALACHI
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KIRYAT ONO
MATNAS **My Father the Hero** 5, 7, 9:15

MIGDAL HA'EMEK
RAV CHEN **My Father the Hero □ Blink** 7, 9:30 **★ Schindler's List** 5:30, 9

NAHARIYA
HOD ☎ 920502 **Malice** 7, 9:15

NESS ZIONA
G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 404729 **Getaway** 5, 7:30, 10 **★ Fearless** 5, 7:30, 10 **★ Naked Gun 33⅓** 5:30, 7:30, 10 **★ In the Name of the Father** 5, 7:30, 10

NETANYA
G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 628452 **Getaway □ Kika □ California** 5, 7:30, 10 **★ In the Name of the Father** 5, 7:30, 10 **★ Baraka** 5, 7:45, 10 RAV-CHEN 1-4 ☎ 618570 **The Chase □ Blink □ Guarding Tess** 5, 7:30, 9:45 **★ My Father the Hero** 5, 7:30, 9:45

OR YEHUDA
G.G. GIL **Lightning Jack □ Hear No Evil □ Little Buddha □ Max and Morris** 5, 7:30, 9:45

PETAH TIKVA
G.G. HECHAL 1-3 ☎ 9300844 **Getaway □ Blink** 5, 7:30 10 **★ Shadowlands** 4:45, 7:15, 10 G. G. RAM 1-3 ☎ 9340818 **Grumpy Old Men □ In the Name of the Father** 5, 7:30, 10 **★ Schindler's List** 5, 8:30

RA'ANANA
PARK **Philadelphia □ The Paper □ Getaway** 7:30, 9:45 **★ Guarding Tess** 7:30, 9:30 **★ I'll Do Anything** 7:30, 9:30

RAMAT GAN
RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 797121* **Credit Card reservations 03-5252244 Angie □ The Chase □ Guarding Tess** 5, 7:30, 9:45 **★ ★ In the Name of the Father** 4:30, 7, 9:45 RAV-OASIS 1-3 ☎ 6730887 **Blink □ Getaway** 5, 7:30, 9:45 **★ I'll Do Anything** 5, 7:15, 9:45

RAMAT HASHARON
KOKHAV **Schindler's List** 5, 8:45

REHOVOT
CHEN 1-4 ☎ 465979 **Shadowlands** 7 **★ Short Cuts** 9:30 **★ Getaway** 7:30, 9:45 **★ Schindler's List** 5:45, 9:15 **★ Malice** 7:30, 10

RISHON LEZION
NA'AMAN ☎ 941522 **Malice** 7:30 9:45 RAV-CHEN 1-4 ☎ 9670503/7 **My Father the Hero □ Blink □ The Chase □ Guarding Tess** 5, 7:30, 9:45 RISHON ☎ 9653230 **The Beverly Hillbillies** 7:30, 9:45 G.G. RON 1-3 ☎ 9662175 **Hear No Evil □ Lightning Jack** 5, 7:30, 9:45 HAZAHAV **Grumpy Old Men □ Angie** 4:45, 7:30, 10 **★ In the Name of the Father** 4:45, 7:30, 10

RISHON NEW IND. AREA
GAL 1-5 ☎ 9619669 **Naked Gun 33⅓** 5:30, 8, 10 **★ Blink** 4:45, 7:30, 10 **★ My Father the Hero** 5 **★ Schindler's List** 8 **★ Getaway** 4:45, 7:30, 10 **★ The Paper** 5:30, 7:45, 10 STAR 1-4 ☎ 9619985-7 27 Lishinsky St. **The Beverly Hillbillies** 7:15 **★ Kika** 7:30, 10 **★ Philadelphia** 7:15, 10 **★ Short Cuts** 9:15 **★ Shadowlands** 7:15, 10

UPPER NAZARETH
G.G GIL ☎ 06-561332 **Fearless □ Grumpy Old Men □ Getaway □ The Paper □ My Father the Hero □ Philadelphia** 5, 7:30, 10 **★ Lightning Jack** 5, 7:30, 9:45

TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6.30 News in Arabic **6.45** Cartoons **7.00** Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8.00 Program Details **8.05** Keep Fit **8.15** Arithmetic **8.35** History of Eretz Yisrael **9.00** Judaism: Kashet v'anan **9.20** Natural Science: Let's Look Up **9.40** Pretty Butterfly **10.15** Life of Berlioz – six-part drama series on the life and works of the 19th-century French composer (part 4) **11.10** A Look At Nature **11.20** Science and Technology **11.45** Places and People **12.05** Mathematics **12.15** Color Color Color **12.30** Mathematics for Bagrut **12.55** Science and Technology – Biological Revolution **13.45** Man and His World **14.00** Stories of King Babar **14.30** The Wonder Years **15.00** Zombit

■ CHANNEL 1

15.30 World Cup Soccer – wrap-up of yesterday's matches **16.00** News update **16.05** Concertron – series of concerts for children with song, pantomime and dance **16.45** Legends of King Solomon **17.00** A New Evening **17.30** Daily Play – series showing theater performances **18.15** News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18.30 The Stars of Tomorrow **19.00** News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19.30 The Simpsons **20.00** Mabat **21.00** Night Studio – social issues and current events hosted by Meni Pe'er **21.50** Postmortem – program on newspapers **22.00** A New Lease of Death – part 2 of television movie **22.55** Late-night news **23.00** World Cup Soccer – match between Romania and Switzerland **00.55** World Cup Soccer – wrap-up

■ THE NEW CHANNEL 2

14.05 Star Trek – The Next Generation **15.00** The Garbage Pail Kids – animated series **15.30** Tin Tin – animated series **16.00** The Bold and the Beautiful **17.00** News **17.05** Doug – animated series **17.30** Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **18.00** Clips With Love – with Avri Gilad **19.00** NBA Action – weekly magazine **19.30** Kolbodek **20.00** News **20.30** Hagashash Hahiver – comedy **21.00** Beer and Good Mood – interview program hosted by Ya'acov Agmon **22.30** Film: Bat 21 (1988) – An American pilot is shot down over enemy territory during the Vietnam War. He must hide from the Viet Cong who are after him while a comrade-in-arms tries to rescue him before the American Air Force bombs the area as it planned. Based on a true story. Starring Gene Hackman, Danny Glover, Jerry Reed. **23.30** News **23.35** Continuation of film **24.05** The Bill

■ JORDAN TV (unofficial)

17.00 French programs **18.30** News in French **19.00** News in Hebrew **19.15** Last Show on Earth **20.00** News in Arabic **20.30** Coach **21.00** Best of Magic **21.30** World of the Thirties **22.00** News in English **22.20** Poldark (drama)

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

14.00 The 700 Club **14.55** Film **16.30** Mighty Mouse **17.20** Dangermouse **17.45** Superbook **18.10** Hart To Hart **19.10** Rescue 911 **20.00** World News Tonight (Arabic) **20.30** CNN Headline News **21.00** Wings **21.30** Matlock **22.20** Murder She Wrote **23.10** The 700 Club **00.00** Film

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■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8.00 Local broadcast **9.00** One Life to Live **9.45** The Young and the Restless **10.30** Guests in the Living Room **11.00** I Love Lucy **11.30** Antonella **12.20** Murphy Brown **12.45** Falcon Crest **13.30** Coach **14.00** Israeli Clips **14.15** Dangerous Women **15.00** Topaz **15.50** Knots Landing **16.40** Three's Company **17.05** Love Boat **17.50** Israeli Clips **18.05** One Life to Live **18.50** The Young and The Restless **19.30** Local broadcast **20.05** Antonella **20.55** Falcon Crest **21.45** Cheers **22.10** Melrose Place **23.00** Acapulco Heat **23.50** New WKRP in Cincinnati **00.15** Quantum Leap **1.10** Kojak

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10.30 Indian movie **13.00** Saratoga (1937) – (rpt) **14.05** The River Rat (1984) – (rpt) **15.40** Face of a Stranger (1991) – (rpt) **17.15** Glory Days (1988) – drama about Mike Moran whose childhood dream of becoming a football star come true 30 years later (rpt) **18.50** Cannes Film Festival 1994 **19.20** Out of Time (1988) – (rpt) **21.00** La Double Vie de Veronique (1991) – Polish director Krzystof Kieslowski's award-winning almost mystical drama about two identical women living in different countries. Starring Irene Jacob (92 mins) **22.35** Teen Agent (If Looks Kill) (1991) – (rpt) **00.05** Toy Soldiers (1991) – (rpt) **1.55** The Good Mother (1988) – (rpt)

■ CHILDREN'S CHANNEL (6)

6.30 Cartoons **9.30** Cartoons **10.05** Casper And Friends **10.30** Piggsburg Pigs **11.05** Silver Hawks **11.30** Harry and the Hendersons **12.00** MacGyver **13.00** Koffiko **13.30** Cartoons **14.05** Ghostbusters **14.30** Dreamstone **15.05** Silver Hawks **15.30** Supergran **16.00** The Bionic Woman **16.50** Flying Classroom **17.30** Cartoons **18.05** Casper and Friends **18.30** Piggsburg Pigs **19.00** Perfect Strangers **19.30** Neighbors **19.55** Married with Children **20.20** The Simpsons **20.45** All in the Family **21.10** Hunter

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22.00 Tati Daniel (1990) – French comedy about a bad-tempered old widowed aunt who goes to live with her nephew in Paris **23.50** The Shop Around the Corner (1940) – Ernst Lubitsch's romantic comedy about two sales assistants who don't get along but who discover they are pen-pals. Starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullavan (94 mins)

■ DISCOVERY CHANNEL (8)

6.00 Open University: Social Sciences **11.00** For the Love of Dolphins **12.00** Trainer Wars **13.00** Invention **13.30** Festivals of the World **14.00** Open University **16.00** For the Love of Dolphins **17.00** Trainer Wars **18.00** Open University **20.00** The Politics of Food **21.00** New Explorer **21.30** Wild South **22.00** The Falkland War **23.00** Extra Dimension **23.45** Open University

■ SUPER CHANNEL

6.30 NBC News **7.00** Business Headlines **7.30** NBC Network News **8.00** ITN World News Live **8.15** US Market Wrap **8.30** CNBC Business Tonight Live **9.00** ITN World News **9.15** Market Wrap **9.30** NBC News **10.00** Super Shop **11.00** Geraldo **12.00** Fashion World **12.30** Equal Time **13.00** Today's Business Live **14.00** Today **14.30** FT Business Today **15.00** Today **15.30** The Money Wheel **18.30** FT Business Tonight **19.00** Today **20.00** ITN World News **20.30** Supersport **21.30** Dateline **22.30** Executive Lifestyles **23.00** ITN World News **23.30** The Tonight Show with Jay Leno **00.30** Real Personal

■ STAR PLUS

7.30 Neighbors **8.00** Santa Barbara **9.00** The Bold and The Beautiful **9.30** Donahue **10.30** Oprah Winfrey **11.30** Today's Gourmet **12.00** Mr Rogers' Neighborhood **12.30** Grimms Fairy Tales **13.00** Force Five **13.30** Street Noise **14.00** El Extreme Close Up **14.30** Neighbors **15.00** M*A*S*H **15.30** Doogie Howser, M.D. **16.00** Anything But Love **16.30** Moonlighting **17.30** The Bold and The Beautiful **18.00** Santa Barbara **19.00** Crystal Maze **20.00** Capital City **21.00** M*A*S*H **21.30** E! Features **22.00** Neighbors **22.30** Crystal Maze **23.30** Capital City **00.30** Donahue

RADIO

6.06 Waking to Music **9.00** Vivaldi: spring sonata, violin and organ; Strauss: sextet from Capriccio, op 85 **10.10** From Our Concert Halls – Army Education Orch, Mendi Rodan; Mozart: concerto in A major for clarinet and orch (Sharon Kam, clarinet); Bartok: rhapsody no 1 for violin and orch **11.50** From Our Concert Halls – Rachmaninoff: Vespers, op 37; Barber: Agnes Dei **12.50** Suk: symphony Asrael, op 27 **14.06** Vivaldi: concerto in A minor for cello and orch (soloist, Ofra Harnoy); Bruch: concerto in G minor for violin and orch, op 26; Haydn: concerto in D major for cello and orch; Saint-Saens: concerto no 2 in G minor for piano and orch, op 22; Mendelssohn: concerto in E minor for violin and orch, op 64 **16.00** Guest program **18.00** Keys **19.05** Music from near and far **20.03** From Our Concert Halls – Israeli recordings. Jerusalem Symphony Radio Orchestra, cond David Shallon – Saint-Saens: concerto for cello and orch (Heinrich Schiff, cello); Bruckner: symphony no 7 **23.00** Domino

■ RADIO 1

6.16 Mishna, Gemara and Tora **7.00** News in English **7.15** News in French **7.30** Hebrew songs **8.05** Dial **9.05** It's Open **10.05** Teleradio **11.05** On Parents and Babies **12.05** Industry **12.00** News and program in English **13.30** News and program in French **14.05** Youth programs **15.05** Yiddish songs **16.05** Musical quiz **17.00** News in English **17.02** News in French **17.05** Presented personally **18.05** Religious programs **20.00** Evening news **20.30** Judaism **21.40** Studio evening **22.30** Hebrew Songs **23.05** Studio evening cont.

■ RADIO 2

6.06 This Morning – news magazine **8.05** Another Matter **9.05** Popular songs **10.05** It's All Talk **12.05** Midday – news, commentary, music **14.05** Magic Moments **15.05** Foreign Affairs **15.45** Foreign Press **16.05** The Color of Money **17.05** Five After the News **18.05** Today – news & music **19.05** The Arabs of Israel **20.05** Hebrew songs **21.05** News headlines **21.15** Current affairs **23.05** Night Flight **00.05** Midnight Magazine **00.30** Night Flight, continued **1.05** Into the Night **5.05** First Light

■ RADIO 3

Music all day and night

■ REKA

18.00 News in English **18.15** News in French **20.00** News in Russian

■ ARMY RADIO

5.02 Good Morning IDF **6.00** Announcements **6.05** Broadcast University – Marginal Groups in the Middle Ages **6.30** Good Morning Israel **7.15** A New Morning **8.00** Good Morning Israel **9.05** Hebrew in the Morning **10.05** Yes It's Summer **12.50** Today's entertainment **13.00** Midday News **13.15** The Heatwave is Over **15.05** Someone to Talk To **16.00** An Hour Before **17.00** Good Evening Israel **18.05** Over the Horizon **18.30** Sunset **20.00** Evening news **20.30** Psychology **21.05** Musical Interlude **22.05** Personal Conversation **23.05** This Was the Day **00.15** Night Birds **2.00** We Don't Want to Sleep

■ ARMY ON WHEELS

3.05 The State on the Way **9.05** Hebrew songs **11.05** Sun **13.05** Air Conditioning **14.05** Summer Seeds **15.05** Program with Dubi Lantz **16.05** Driving Wisely **18.05** Program with Lea Oz **20.05** Drive In **22.05** Good Night

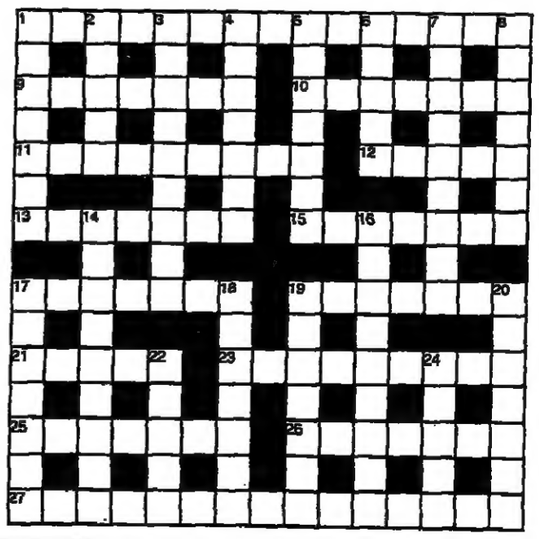
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Succeed in tunnelling? (2,7,4,2)
9 Ringed spot of colour round small room of limited use (7)
10 Reprint sure is developing the point (7)
11 In archaeological excavation, name worker showing scorn (9)
12 Paul's companion found American bird first! (5)
13 Rubbish in the entrance—it's enough to take one's breath away (7)
15 Play upon words about girl being a very strict person (7)
17 The first Scotsman on the road? (7)
19 Unit of heat, one of many counted by a weight-watcher (7)
21 A shade inexperienced (5)
23 Sailing boat beached? (4-5)
25 Lady identifies herself in the States (7)
26 It alone could bring joy (7)
27 Ancient village appreciated by tradesmen (5,10)

DOWN

1 Trying to get the feel of things (7)
2 Stuff the flower (5)
3 Banished ambassador who was overdrawn (9)
4 Steal the show from someone else away from the footlights (7)
5 Port had been removed from the top of the car (7)
6 Dot two I's, seems strange to a fool (5)
7 One being indecisive when the rota is revised (9)
8 Crime of a boy underneath most of the woody growth (7)
14 Criminal on court? (9)
16 No-one goes all the way in this contest (5,4)
17 Speed of Russian flier to leave the country (7)
18 Unintended motorway hazard? (7)
19 Musicians' union (7)
20 Gone out with Tex performing in court (7)
22 First sly pupil leaves being conspicuous (5)
24 Man, he somehow got out of crashed vehicle (5)



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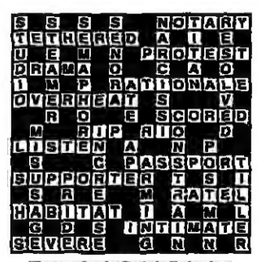
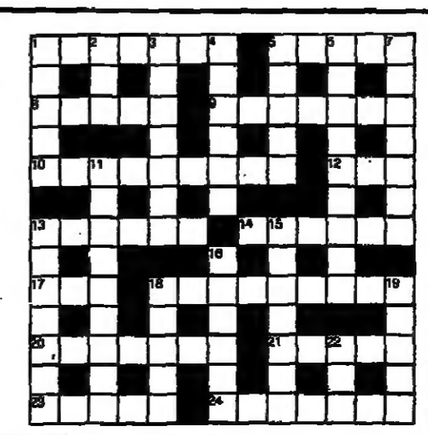


Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Sell, 3 Phrasing, 9 Inter, 10 Cheapen, 11 Tip, 13 Goosander, 14 Notice, 16 Kernel, 18 Spineless, 20 Eat, 22 Rooster, 23 Apart, 25 Motorist, 26 Fete.

DOWN: 1 Shift, 2 Let, 4 Hector, 5 Average, 6 Impudence, 7 General, 8 Drag, 12 Petticoat, 14 Nostrum, 15 Creator, 17 Debris, 19 Slap, 21 Title, 24 Ape.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Type of lamp (7)
5 Large country house (5)
8 Citrus fruit (5)
9 Supplement to a will (7)
10 Bowl (4-5)
12 King's title (3)
13 Amalgamation (6)
14 Ra (3-3)
17 Musical note (3)
18 Loth (9)
20 Thin and bony (7)
21 Gossipy (5)
23 Opponent (5)
24 Tearless (3-4)

DOWN

1 Underneath (5)
2 Barrier (3)
3 Of low birth (7)
4 Surplus (6)
5 Cricketing position (3-2)
6 Central American country (9)
7 Rested (7)
11 Additional payment (9)
13 Dressmaker (7)
15 Supernatural (7)
16 Performed (5)
18 Disorderly person (5)
19 Trifled (5)
22 Crooked (3)

Keep Israel Beautiful

Labor threatens cancellation of Histadrut convention

MICHAL YUDELMAN

A NEW crisis erupted between the Labor Party and Ram yesterday, when Labor threatened to cancel the Histadrut convention if Ram continued to blacklist outgoing Secretary-General Haim Haberfeld.

In the morning the negotiations appeared to be going well between the two factions. MK Ran Cohen, of Ram, head of the convention's preparatory committee, and Haberfeld agreed to hold the convention on July 5. In addition, Haberfeld and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin scheduled a meeting for this afternoon to coordinate Labor's positions in the coalition talks with Ram.

But then Ram leader MK Haim Ramon announced that no negotiations would be held with Labor as long as Haberfeld is a member of the negotiating team. Ramon advised Tourism Minister Uzi Baram, head of Labor's negotiating team, that Ram views Haberfeld as the main obstacle to making in the talks, and would not resume talks until he was removed from the team.

Acting Secretary-General Meir Gatt said in response that if Ram continues to disqualify Haberfeld, then "there will be no convention on July 5."

Sources in Labor's Histadrut faction said yesterday that "it was obvious that Ramon wanted all along to form a coalition with the Likud and not with Labor. He hoped all the time that Ram and Labor would not reach an agreement about anything.

"But now that an understanding has been reached about the convention and Rabin has taken over the negotiations with Ram, Ramon is scared that an agreement will be reached, and he had to blow it all up somehow. So he announced his ultimatum to disqualify Haberfeld."

Earlier yesterday, Rabin conveyed a message to Ram leaders to the effect that Labor would not accept any personal disqualification by Ram in the coalition negotiations. Rabin's message, which followed Ramon's threats to dismiss Haberfeld and his supporters, was intended to stop the personal attacks on Haberfeld and Labor's Histadrut faction members and pave the way for the resumption of the talks.

Rabin and Haberfeld are due to hold a reconciliation meeting this afternoon – their first talk since the Histadrut elections – at the Prime Minister's Office, where they are also expected to discuss Ramon's threats of political dismissals in the Histadrut leadership. The meeting was arranged by Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli, whose first attempt to bring the two together failed.

Meanwhile, a controversy has erupted in Ram concerning the possibility of opening coalition negotiations with the Likud. Ramon and his maverick faction, Labor MKs Amir Peretz and Shmuel Avitan, are pushing for this move, while Meretz leaders – Minister Yossi Sarid and MKs Haim Oron and Ran Cohen object to approaching the Likud as long as there is a chance of forming a coalition with Labor. Ram will reach a decision on opening talks with the Likud after the Histadrut's executive committee meets tomorrow to vote on the convention date.

Two Civil Guard volunteers report for duty in Ramat Aviv at a new station established by the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality.

Three MKs opt out of Vanunu immunity debate

DAN IZENBERG

KNESSET House committee chairman Haggai Merom suspended the deliberations on the lifting of MK Yossi Vanunu's immunity yesterday after three committee members asked to be replaced for personal reasons.

The three, Eli Dayan, Meir Sheetrit and Moshe Katsav – like Vanunu – once served as council heads in the southern part of the country, and have close personal ties with the Labor Party MK.

"We're friends," said Sheetrit, former head of the Yavneh local council. "We worked together for many years, and we don't want to let personal feelings get mixed up with objective considerations."

Vanunu is suspected of committing political bribery in 1989, while serving as head of the Kiryat Malachi local council. He allegedly offered a fictitious job to Gabi Aloush, an opposition council member, to get Aloush to join the coalition.

Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair asked the Knesset to lift Vanunu's immunity so that he could be put on trial. Vanunu was to have replied to Ben-Yair's charges at yesterday's meeting.

Until yesterday, none of the MKs had indicated that they would not participate in the vote on Ben-Yair's request. Dayan and Katsav have attended meetings so far, though Sheetrit has deliberately stayed away.

Dayan, former mayor of Ashkelon, surprised Merom yesterday, when he asked to be replaced because he had suddenly found out he was related to Vanunu.

"Didn't you know in the first meeting that Vanunu was your relative," asked Merom. "Did you find out just now?"

"I only found out on Shabbat, when I visited my mother," replied Dayan. "She asked me how Yossi Vanunu was doing, and told me we had family ties."

Dayan brought MK Salah Tarif to replace him in the committee.

Next to beg out was Moshe Katsav, who reportedly brought Vanunu into politics and appointed him his deputy and heir-apparent when he headed the Kiryat Malachi local council.

It then emerged that Shaul Amor (Likud) had been sent by the faction to replace Sheetrit.

Michael Eitan (Likud) warned that the public would not accept the committee's decision if MKs who did not attend the discussions and did not hear the arguments on both sides showed up at the last minute to vote.

Ben-Yair echoed Eitan's concern. "Beware of a situation in which a change in the makeup of the committee influences the outcome of the vote, which should be based on objective considerations," he warned.

Merom decided to postpone the hearings until he receives a fixed list of MKs who will participate in the coming discussions of the 15-member committee. He hoped to hold the vote next Wednesday, he said.

Vanunu opposed the decision to call off the discussion. "I've been involved in this thing for 10 months, already," he said. "The last thing I thought would happen is that the talks would be stopped and that everything would start from scratch. That will only prolong my suffering at the hands of the law."

Ben-Porat urged to investigate agricultural land rezoning plans

EVELYN GORDON

STATE Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat should investigate whether the government is using plans to rezone agricultural land in the center of the country for residential construction to give an under-the-table handout to kibbutzim and moshavim, two members of the Knesset state control committee demanded yesterday.

The committee will decide on the proposal at a later date.

The rezoning is aimed at lowering building prices in the center of the country. However, explained MKs Sylvan Shalom and Dan Tichon (Likud), by rezoning the land, the government also increases its value enormously. Since much of this land has been leased to kibbutzim and moshavim, the question is who should benefit from the billions of shekels in added value the rezoning will create.

Shalom charged that since the kibbutzim don't own the land – and were in fact given it only for agricultural purposes – they should not be the main beneficiaries of the rezoning. While they are obviously entitled to some compensation, he said, it should be in keeping with their actual loss.

He suggested that any decisions regarding compensation be approved by either the plenum, in the form of a law, or by the finance committee.

Tichon noted that in her recent report, Ben-Porat had sharply criticized the way the government has handled the rezoning issue so far. Until now, however, none of the flaws she pointed out have been corrected, he charged.

Ben-Porat particularly blasted the Israel Lands Administration's tendency to let the current lessees decide which of two options to exercise when their land is rezoned, rather than the ILA deciding itself on the basis of national priorities. These options include returning the land to the ILA, in exchange for 25% of its value after rezoning, or keeping the land and using it for the new purpose, and paying the ILA 51% of its value after rezoning.

MK Haim Oron (Meretz) lambasted Shalom and Tichon for what he termed an unfair attack on the kibbutzim. Only two of the 13 deals approved as a result of ILA decision 611 – one of those the comptroller had criticized – involved kibbutzim, he noted.

He suggested that the kibbutzim should be given at least part of the money created by the rezoning, but that this money should be earmarked for paying off their debts.

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur said he had made a similar proposal to the Fogel Committee, which is currently formulating policy on this issue. Anything else would be ridiculous, he said, since it is hardly the kibbutzim's fault that Israel is the only country in the world that does not permit farmers to own their own land.

Tsur said his ministry's other proposals included canceling all the deals made in the wake of decision 611, and limiting, by law, the amount of land that can be rezoned. Unrestrained rezoning, he warned, would destroy agriculture.

Dentist acquitted of raping patient

RAINE MARCUS

A TEL AVIV dentist charged with sexually assaulting a 17-year-old female patient was acquitted by Tel Aviv Magistrates Court Judge Yitzhak Braz yesterday, more than two years after he was charged.

The man, whose name was banned from publication, was indicted for assaulting the girl while she was undergoing treatment. Her twin sister who was sitting in the waiting room also told police that the dentist had "touched the complainant's leg, put his hand inside her trousers several times and then put his hand inside his own trouser pocket."

After treatment, the accused rubbed up against the girl, and then put his hand inside her trousers again, according to the indictment.

The girls told their mother of the alleged incident, and filed a complaint with police.

The sisters had said that the dentist's assistant had not been present at the treatment, but lawyer Dan Qual proved that on the date in question, the assistant had been working in the office.

Qual accused the sisters of lying throughout the trial, and said the press exposure his client had received had done him untold harm.

In acquitting the dentist, Braz said he did not believe the testimony of the sisters or their mother, but found the dentist and his assistant to be telling the truth.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mar-Haim appointment approved

The appointment of Amos Mar-Haim as chairman of the Postal Authority was approved by the government this week.

Mar-Haim, a former deputy mayor of Jerusalem under Teddy Kollek and director-general of the Industry and Trade Ministry, was nominated by Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni.

Police arrest suspect in robberies of elderly

Police yesterday arrested a Givatayim man they suspect posed as an NII worker and robbed some 30 elderly people.

For the past three months, the man has allegedly been arriving at elderly residents' homes, claiming he has come to collect information for the NII, and then steals money found in the house. The man is to be remanded in Tel Aviv Magistrates Court today. *Itim*

50 pedestrian bridges to be built

Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar approved a plan yesterday for the construction of 50 pedestrian bridges around the country.

The cost of building the bridges will be financed by a private investor who will have the right to sell advertising space on them. The pedestrian bridges will be constructed in the country's major cities and towns at high-risk areas and near schools. *Itim*

Israel, India sign scientific agreement

An agreement for scientific cooperation was signed yesterday by the Israel Academy of Sciences and the government of India's committee for planning and budgeting.

The accord will expand scientific relations between the two countries, which have had diplomatic relations for only a short time.

Observant can watch Wexford

Following requests by religious viewers, Channel One has announced it will rerun the last episode of the Ruth Rendell suspense series early Sunday morning as well as Friday night.

Religious viewers who do not watch television Friday night flooded ITV's switchboard with complaints that they would not be able to see the final episode of the series which started Monday this week.

In response, Channel One decided to run the episode both Friday (9:55 p.m.) and Sunday morning at 12:15 a.m.

Kupat Holim still waiting for emergency funds

DAN IZENBERG

KUPAT Holim Clalit has not yet received the NIS 400 million approved by the government and the Knesset finance committee, its director-general Avigdor Kaplan said yesterday.

"So far we have not received the NIS 400 million promised us in the emergency program and we are in dire straits as August 1 approaches," Kaplan told the labor and social affairs committee.

Treasury representative Boaz Bar-Nir said the money would be transferred "in a day or two and there will not be any problem about that."

The government and the finance committee agreed to give the fund a NIS 400 million loan to tide it over until the transfer of power in the Histadrut from Labor to the Ram list. The funding was meant to cover the health fund's needs until July 15.

The committee held a wide-ranging discussion on the state of the Histadrut-owned health fund which appears to be heading for a NIS 1.5 billion budget deficit in 1994.

Kaplan said that further delay in transferring the government loan threatened the existence of the health fund. The most immediate problem was that the fund would not be able to order more supplies after the emergency program expires on July 15. "If we don't order more medicine now, we will face a serious crisis in the [coming] months."

Kaplan and Prof. Dan Michaeli, head of the health fund's board of directors, blamed the deficit on huge salary hikes. Michaeli said he had sent 30 warning letters to ministers and Histadrut officials during the negotiations with doctors and nurses leading to the signing of a new wage agreement granting them 40 percent pay raises.

Jerusalem brush fire injures 12 people

BILL HUTMAN

A BRUSH fire in Jerusalem yesterday, possibly started by arsonists, left 12 persons injured and forced dozens to flee their homes.

"You couldn't see anything. Smoke had totally enveloped the street," said rescue worker Yoel Klopholtz, among the first on the scene in the Romema neighborhood.

Several persons jumped from their second floor balconies in the panic that ensued as the fire and smoke engulfed their homes, witnesses said.

Magen David Adom received a call at 4:41 p.m. reporting the fire. Four ambulances evacuated 11people, including four infants and several elderly people, suffering from smoke inhalation, said Avraham Halbersberg, Jerusalem's Magen David Adom director.

The injured were all apparently in good condition. A spokesman for Hadassah-University Hospitals, however, cautioned that it often takes 24 hours to determine the extent of injuries from smoke inhalation.

"The fire was started in at least two places in the small forest by the neighborhood, and then spread quickly in the direction of the buildings because of the strong winds," said Jerusalem fire chief Rami Yaffe.

"Arsonists may have started the fire, or maybe kids playing in the forest," Yaffe said. "One thing is sure, this fire did not start from natural causes," he added.

About a dozen apartments along Ma'aneh Simha Road were evacuated. Four apartments were seriously damaged by the fire, which took some 35 firefighters over 90 minutes to bring under control.

"I saw the fire down in the forest and ran to call the fire department," said 21-year-old yeshiva student Yosef Hillel. "By the time I came back, the fire had already swept up near the apartments," he said.

Most of the residents fled on their own as the smoke began to engulf their homes. At least one elderly couple, however, had to be evacuated by firefighters.

Rescue workers went from apartment to apartment to ensure no one was left inside. Police, meanwhile, had to keep back the large crowd of onlookers.

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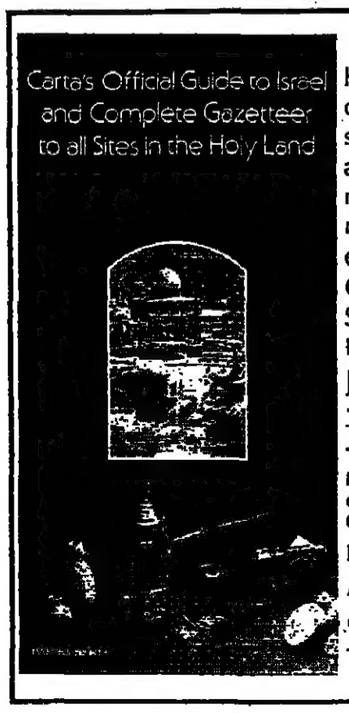

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